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By Blanche S. Rivera

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Lomibao assumes top PNP post today

Will swear on Bible in turnover ceremony

By Luige A. del Puerto and Christine O. Avendaño

HE MAY love to carry a .45-cal. pistol, but it will be a Bible he will have in his hand when Deputy Director General Arturo Lomibao assumes command of the Philippine National Police today.

And, instead of accepting the traditional saber as a symbol of his authority, Lomibao will get a copy of the Philippine Constitution and the PNP Code of Ethics proscribing, among other things, involvement in politics, corruption and womanizing.

"I was overwhelmed. It is a very awesome responsibility," Lomibao told the INQUIRER shortly before Malacañang announced he was taking over command of a 120,000-strong force trying to overcome perceptions that it was deeply corrupt.

Even before the Palace announcement, Lomibao had already known the past few days that President Macapagal-Arroyo had picked him to be the successor to outgoing PNP Director General Edgar Aglipay.

"Before that, at the back of my mind, I [already] prepared myself to do what I'm supposed to do ... If I'd be appointed, I'll do my best," he said.

His appointment also came as a virtual advance wedding gift for the 54-year-old longtime nemesis of rebel groups.

A widower, Lomibao plans to remarry before his birthday in July, the INQUIRER has learned.

"The new chief will swear on a Bible. We are a civilian [organization] now," a senior official said, stressing this would mark a break

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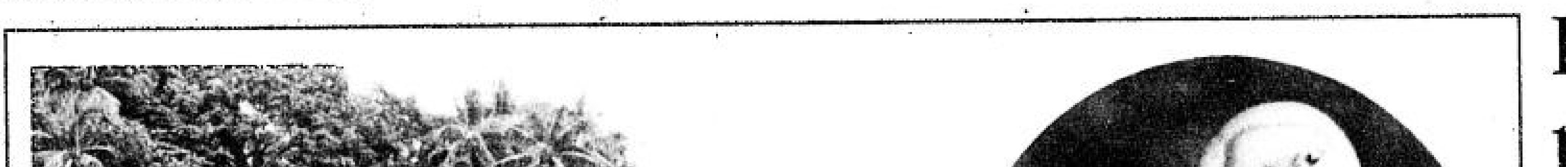
LOMIBAO plans to continue the PNP's five-year transformation. PDI PHOTO



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FISHERMEN on Lake Buhi now enjoy more harvests of the fingernail-size "sinarapan" (inset).

Big hopes for RP's small fish

By Michael B. Jaucian
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

BUHI, Camarines Sur—*Sinarapan*, once considered "the world's smallest vertebrate" and later the "smallest commercial fish in the world," found only in Lake Buhi in Camarines Sur, had dwindled in numbers over the years due to overfishing.

According to a recent study by Bicol University professor Victor Soliman, the *sinarapan* has been saved and re-populated thanks to a

BIG HOPES/ A21

High-profile Aglipay plans to enter politics

By Luige A. del Puerto

A MAN perceived to love the limelight, outgoing Philippine National Police Director General Edgar Aglipay came in swinging when he assumed the PNP command in August last year.

Promptly, he announced a crackdown on "*kotong*" (mulcting) and undisciplined cops, and banished those who would not reform to far-flung areas to curb their arrogance—and trim their pot-bellies.

"I leave the police hoping I have served the people better," Aglipay told the INQUIRER yesterday, as he prepared to bow out after almost four decades in the service.

"I'll miss most the times when people [came to] me to ask for help, and I was able to help them."

Aglipay considers laying the groundwork for the professionalization of a force widely perceived to be corrupt as his legacy.

"Hopefully, the PNP's transformation plan will create a God-centered and family-based police organization," he said.

Some public officials get scarce when they reach the top. Aglipay made it a point to answer re-

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Angara building up LDP as strong opposition party

By Amando Doronila

ANALYSIS

FOR THE first time since its resounding defeat in the May 2004 elections, the opposition has served notice that it is taking steps to win public acceptance as a serious institutional opposition with the Laban ng Demokratikong Pilipino (LDP) holding a congress on Saturday. The congress was convened by the acknowledged LDP leader, Sen. Edgardo Angara.

It is logical that the effort to rebuild the opposition should start with the LDP. It was the biggest partner in the three-party coalition, Koalisyon ng Nagkakaisang Pilipino (KNP), which served as the vehicle for the presidential candidacy of the late actor Fernando Poe Jr.

Judging from the actions taken by Angara, he appears to be launching at the same time a series of moves. First, he is recti-

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Graduating students read poorly–DepEd

By Alcuin Papa

GRADUATING high school and elementary students are still not faring well in their subjects and could continue floundering well into college due to poor reading skills, according to the Department of Education.

Scores for the National Achievement Test (NAT) and the High School Readiness Test (HSRT) from 2002 to 2004 have been "flat," said Juan Miguel Luz, education undersecretary for finance and management.

"Some scores stay where they are. Some are not good. Every year, the figures should be moving up, but that is not the case," Luz said of the NAT and HSRT scores.

The HSRT is given to first year high school students to determine their abilities in core subjects, such as English, Science and Math.

The NAT is administered to fourth year high school students and Grade 5 pupils to gauge their abilities in these subjects and to determine whether they are ready for the next level.

Luz said that based on last year's scores for the HSRT, first year high school students scored 32 percent to 38 percent for En-

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The INQUIRER won awards for the Cannes Lions in Manila (issue management) and for Guyito (special project design) in the Gold Quill Awards 2005 held by the International Association of Business Communicators. Receiving the awards (at center) are Celine Madamba, PDI AVP for strategic marketing communications, and Pepito Olarte, VP for advertising.

Pro-worker priest killed in Tarlac

By Russell Arador and Tonette Orejas
PDI Central Luzon Desk

TARLAC CITY—The killing o supporters of the workers' strik at the Cojuangco-owned Hacienda Luisita continues.

A priest of the Iglesia Filipin Independiente (Aglipayan Church or the Philippine Independent Church) died while two of his companions were wounde after two men shot them in La Pa town yesterday.

Fr. William Tadena, 37, the II parish priest in La Paz, suffere

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Southern Mindanao will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and isolated thunderstorms. The rest of the country will have partly cloudy to at times cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers or thunderstorms.. SOURCE: PAGASA

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Mass action set for Tarongoy release

By Leila B. Salaverria, Michael Lim Ubac and Nikko Dizon

LAST year, it was for Angelo. This year, it will be for Bobby. Reminiscent of the days before Angelo de la Cruz's release from his Iraqi captors last year, militant groups will launch a series of mass actions to pressure the government to act to save accountant Robert Tarongoy, whom another Iraqi militant group has threatened to behead after over four months in captivity.

Claiming a long-overdue policy statement withdrawing support for the United States-led invasion of Iraq would ensure Tarongoy's safety, the militant labor group Migrante vowed to take to the streets to compel President Macapagal-Arroyo to issue such a declaration.

"Angelo de la Cruz was brought home because of the massive actions and public pressure for President Gloria to pull out the troops. Without this, he could not have returned. Definitely for Migrante, we will hold mass actions to make (the President) withdraw her support for the occupation to save Tarongoy," said Maita Santiago, Migrante secretary general.

In an apparent capitulation to the demands of Iraqi militants holding Angelo, Ms Arroyo had ordered the complete withdrawal of Filipino troops from Iraq last year, a move that was severely criticized by the US and Australia.

Singapore execution

Santiago said the group plans a big rally on March 17, the 10th anniversary of domestic helper Flor Contemplacion's execution, to bring into focus the plight of Tarongoy and other overseas workers who continue to suffer because of the government's neglect.

Contemplacion was executed in Singapore after she was convicted of killing another Filipino, Delia Maga, and the latter's ward.

Tarongoy, who was recently seen in a video where his captors threatened to behead him, won a reprieve the other day when the deadline for his execution was extended to accommodate negotiations. He was abducted on Nov. 1 last year.

News of the reprieve elated Tarongoy's family, relatives and the government.

Too early to rejoice

But Rep. Antonio Cuenco (Lakas, Cebu City) cautioned that it was too early to rejoice over the reprieve.

"A lot of things can still happen, but there's always hope," said Cuenco, chair of the House committee on foreign affairs. "A reprieve is still fearsome. Anytime he might be executed if we can't meet the demands they are asking," he said.

Santiago also called on the family of Tarongoy, who call him "Bobby," to keep hoping that he would be brought home safely and to keep airing their appeals to save him, adding that Migrante will join them in their vigil.

"The government can't say that it has done everything (to save Tarongoy). The President should have issued a policy statement withdrawing support for the US occupation of Iraq and the US forces' aggression. The Filipinos' welfare must be considered first before the US," she told the INQUIRER.

Positive thinking

On the other hand, the Department of Foreign Affairs urged the public to think positive.

"We just have to be positive." These were the rallying words of DFA spokesperson Gilbert Asuque as the country continued to wait for an update on the fate of Tarongoy.

Asuque told the INQUIRER that he himself was still waiting for new information from Foreign Affairs Undersecretary Rafael Seguis.

Seguis heads the high-level four man "Team Iraq" that has been working for the release of Tarongoy since his abduction.

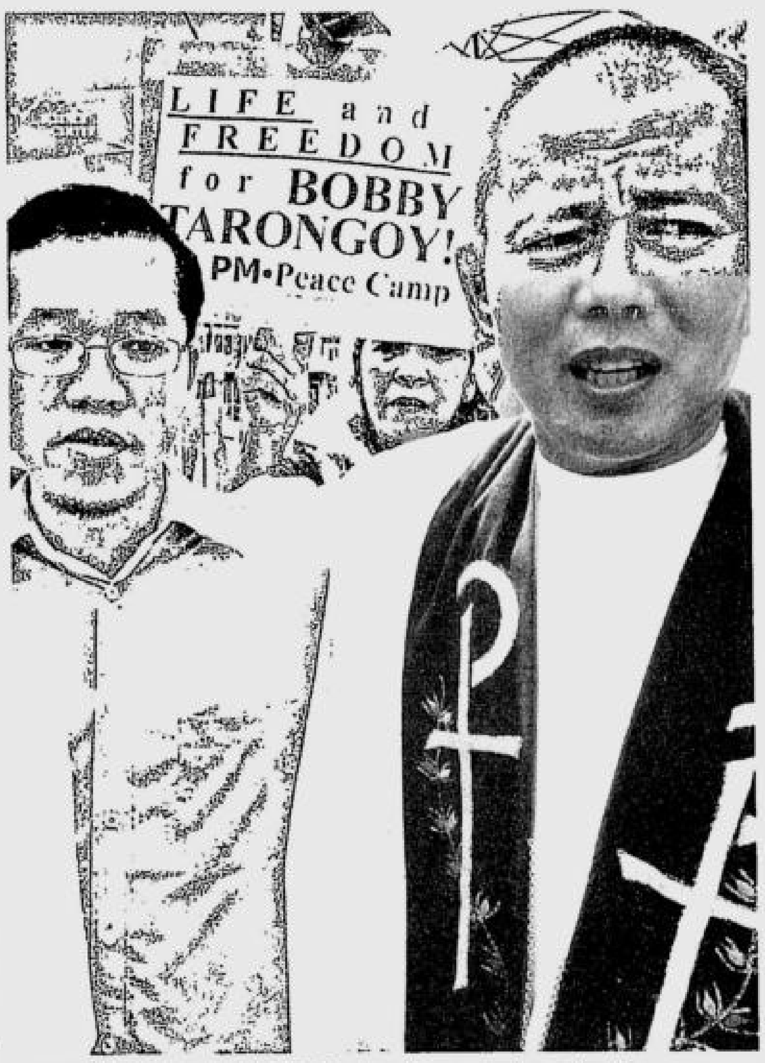
"He (Seguis) said they are still waiting for the reaction from the abductors. We're still waiting for developments. We're very positive and optimistic," Asuque said.

Meanwhile, Labor Secretary Patricia Sto. Tomas said Tarongoy's family was being taken care of by the Overseas Workers Welfare Association, the social work department and the office of Davao City Mayor Rodrigo Duterte.

She said Tarongoy's family was placed in a safe house for over a month soon after the abduction, but later opted to return to their own homes.

Tarongoy worked as an accountant for a Saudi company that does catering for the Iraqi army.

His kidnappers have called on Manila to pull out the estimated 6,000 Filipinos working as support staff on US military bases in Iraq.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ONE WHO CAME HOME. Former hostage Angelito Nayan (left), who was held by Afghan insurgents and threatened with death before being released last year, joins activist priest Fr. Roberto Reyes after a Mass said yesterday for the release of Robert Tarongoy, who remains in the hands of his Iraqi captors.

AP PHOTO

Merchant marine cadet dies after beating

CAMP CONRADO YAP, Zambales—A freshman cadet at the Philippine Merchant Marine Academy (PMMA) in San Narciso town in this province died after being punched by a senior cadet on Friday, a police official here said.

Senior Supt. Arrasad Subong, acting Zambales police director, said Fourth Class Cadet John Hector Alcantara, 18, of Las Piñas City, died after he was punched three times in the abdomen by Third Class Cadet Jake Chumacog, 23, of Baguio City.

The incident was reported to the Zambales police only on Saturday.

Subong said Alcantara joined his fellow cadets in a line formation at about 2 p.m. Friday in the PMMA gymnasium when Third Class Cadet Roger Mestieto, a proctor cadet, reprimanded him for smiling.

Mestieto and Chumacog then took Alcantara to the proctor's office and berated him for the offense.

Subong said Chumacog subsequently punched Alcantara in the abdomen thrice, causing the latter to collapse.

Subong said Alcantara died as he was being taken to the San Marcelino District Hospital in San Marcelino town.

PMMA officials turned over Chumacog and Mestieto, also from Baguio City, to the San Narciso police. The suspects were detained at the municipal jail and face charges of homicide. *Cesar Villa, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

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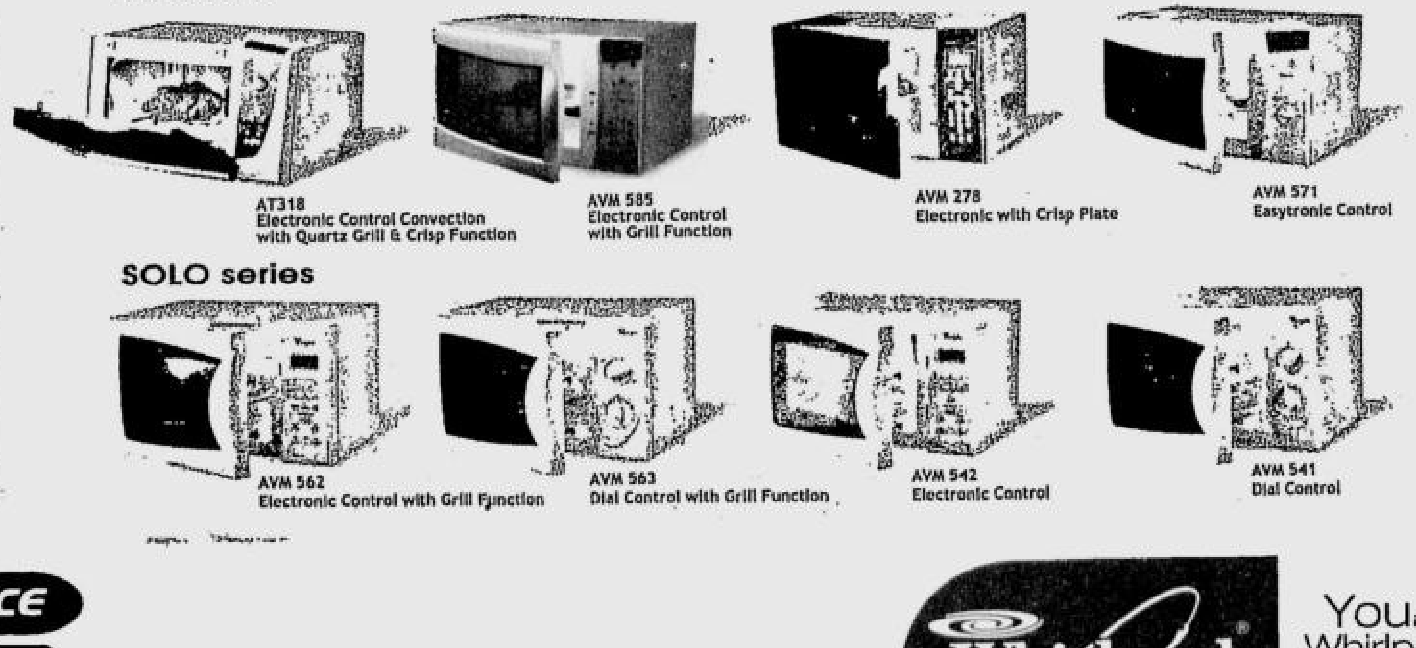

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Vendor admits using more poisonous cassava variety

By Margaux C. Ortiz, *in Manila*
and Jhunnex Napallacan
PDI Visayas Bureau

A VENDOR'S confession that she used a more poisonous variety of cassava gave the National Bureau of Investigation (NBI) its first significant lead in solving the mystery behind the mass food poisoning deaths at the San Jose Elementary School in Mabini, Bohol.

NBI Director Reynaldo Wycoco said Anna Luyong, 68, the vendor who prepared the fried cassava that killed 27 pupils and hospitalized 105 others, admitted yesterday she had used the root crop's white variety for the first time.

Luyong said that she usually used the yellow cassava, the less lethal variety according to agricultural experts.

Wycoco said agriculturists from the Philippine Root Crops Authority based at the Leyte State University said the cyanide content of the white variety, also called *"pulotan,"* amounted to 330 to 360 parts per million (ppm).

The yellow variety, on the other hand, contained only 30 to 60 ppm of cyanide.

Maximum content

Experts stressed that the maximum tolerable cyanide content should only be 120 ppm, Wycoco said.

"Based on Luyong's confession, we got samples of the white root crop and the vat she used in frying the cassava for laboratory analysis," Wycoco said in a phone interview, adding that sample tissues from the victims' bodies obtained during an autopsy were also brought to Manila.

The NBI chief said that if tests show that the white variety of cassava had indeed caused the massive poisoning, the bureau would recommend the uprooting of all white cassava plants in the country.

Wycoco added that Luyong would be held liable for reckless imprudence leading to multiple homicide and several counts of frustrated homicide.

Luyong is presently confined at the Gov. Celestino Gallares Memorial Hospital for myocardiac infraction "due to stress over the incident," Wycoco said.

Immediate destruction

Bohol Gov. Erico Aumentado has ordered the immediate destruction of all the white cassava variety in Mabini and urged residents to refrain from eating the root crop pending the results of the investigation.

During their conversation at around 7 p.m., Aumentado said Luyong told him that what she had cooked as *"maruya"* (caramelized cassava slices fried in cooking oil) had come from a white cassava variety locally known as *"pulotan"* which had a high cyanide content.

Following Luyong's confession, Aumentado yesterday asked the NBI not to rule out cyanide poisoning yet.

Although the NBI still had to officially conclude its investigation, there was growing suspicion that the children had eaten cassava laced with either pesticide or herbicide after a search of Luyong's house yielded a plastic container of a known insecticide brand whose white powdery substance was similar in appearance to flour.

But Aumentado said Luyong had denied the food had been contaminated with chemicals or pesticides. Meanwhile, Rep. Eladio Jala of Bohol's third district plans to file a bill seeking to prohibit pesticide and insecticide makers from using colors commonly associated with food substances.

"We are still waiting for the conclusion of the investigation but we have already started considering ways to prevent this tragic incident from happening again," Jala said in a phone interview.

Jala said there had been many instances in the past when people mistook harmful and even poisonous substances because they look similar to food products or additives.

Public right to know

Representatives Benasing Macarambon (NPC, Lanao del Sur), chair of the committee on agriculture and food, and Ernesto "Bansai" Nieva, chair of the committee on people's participation, said the public should know whether the Department of Education and the Department of Health had been inspecting food sources and eateries at all schools, and whether local government units had been ensuring that ambulant street vendors and small eateries were complying with health and sanitation requirements.

"Canteens and food suppliers should not be allowed to operate without certification from the DepEd and DOH that they had complied with these standards," Macarambon said. *With reports from Michael Lim Ubac and Chito A. Fuentes, PDI Visayas Bureau*

Oil firms hike prices anew by 50¢

By Abigail L. Ho

OH, OH, another one!

Oil companies Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp., Caltex Philippines Inc. and Total (Philippines) Corp. yesterday hiked the prices of their gasoline, diesel fuel and kerosene by 50 centavos a liter, citing as the reason the unremitting soaring of world oil prices.

Shell increased its prices at 12:01 a.m., Caltex at 6 a.m. and Total at 12 p.m.

The adjustments followed a similar move made two days earlier by the three firms' smaller counterparts. Eastern Petroleum Corp., Flying V, Seaoil Petroleum Corp. and Unioil Petroleum Philippines Inc. hiked their pump prices by the same level on Thursday, also pinning the increase on the continued escalation of oil prices in the world market.

About a week ago, oil companies also raised the prices of gasoline, diesel fuel and kerosene by 50 centavos a liter. The oil companies' decision yesterday represented the second time within a month that they increased pump prices.

Since the beginning of the year, gasoline prices have increased three times by a total of P1.60 a liter. Prices of diesel fuel have gone up four times by a total of P1.80 a liter.

The benchmark Dubai crude reached an average price of $44.13 a barrel on March 10, almost $5 higher than the February average of $39.87 a barrel.

The price of unleaded gasoline based on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) benchmark for refined petroleum products also soared to an average of $59.11 a barrel in the first 10 days of March, from only $54.27 a barrel last month.

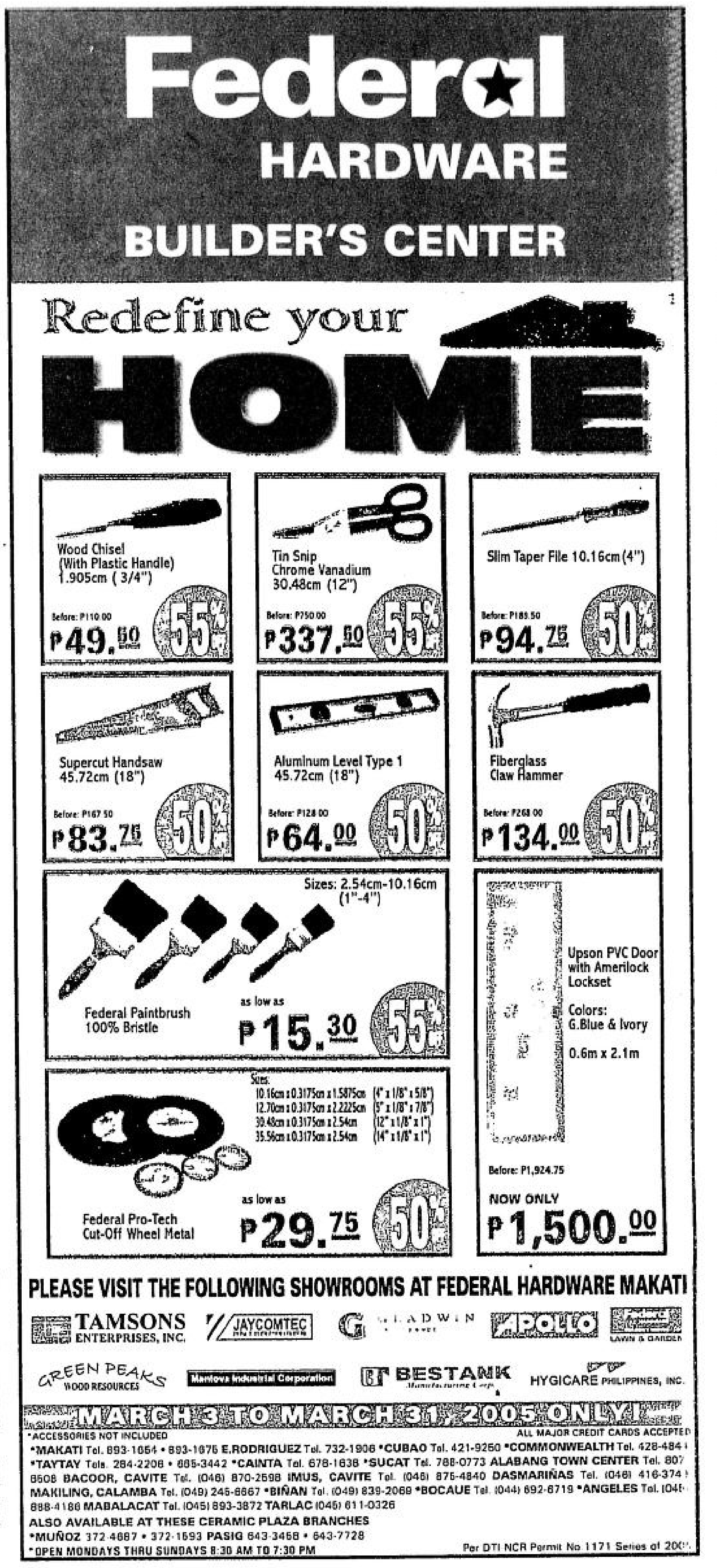
The price of MOPS-based diesel also surged to a March 1-10 average of $65.73 a barrel, more than $10 higher than last month's average of $55.63 a barrel.

Over the past few weeks, international prices had been eclipsing previously set records almost everyday.

Market observers traced the hikes to the prolonged fuel-expending winter in Europe and the northeastern part of the United States, the continuing violence in the Middle East, and uncertainties spawned ahead of the March 16 meeting of the Organization of Petroleum Exporting Countries (Opec), which may decide on that day to cut oil production.

An Opec production cut may cause world prices to soar even higher as demand for oil would remain at the same level despite high prices.

Oil firms have pledged to continue giving discounts on the price of diesel fuel in selected service stations nationwide to soften the effect of oil price increases on public transport.



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Follow conscience on population issue, FVR tells Catholics

DAGUPAN CITY—Former President Fidel V. Ramos has advised Catholics to "follow their conscience" when deciding how many children to have, as their counterparts in predominantly Catholic countries in Europe do.

Ramos, who was the guest speaker at a Rotary Club meeting here on Friday, cited the United Nations Human Development Network Report that showed a less than one-percent population growth rate in eight Catholic countries in Europe.

He cited Italy and Spain, where 95 percent of the people are Catholic, and France, Portugal, Austria, Poland, Slovia and Ireland, where 80 percent follow the Catholic faith.

Ramos, a Protestant, said Catholic bishops all over the world presumably had the same message for their followers on population issues, but the study could mean that the faithful in the European countries mentioned were making their own decisions.

Ramos, who was President from 1992 to 1998, said his administration was able to bring down the fertility rate (number of children per woman) from an average of four to 3.6 children.

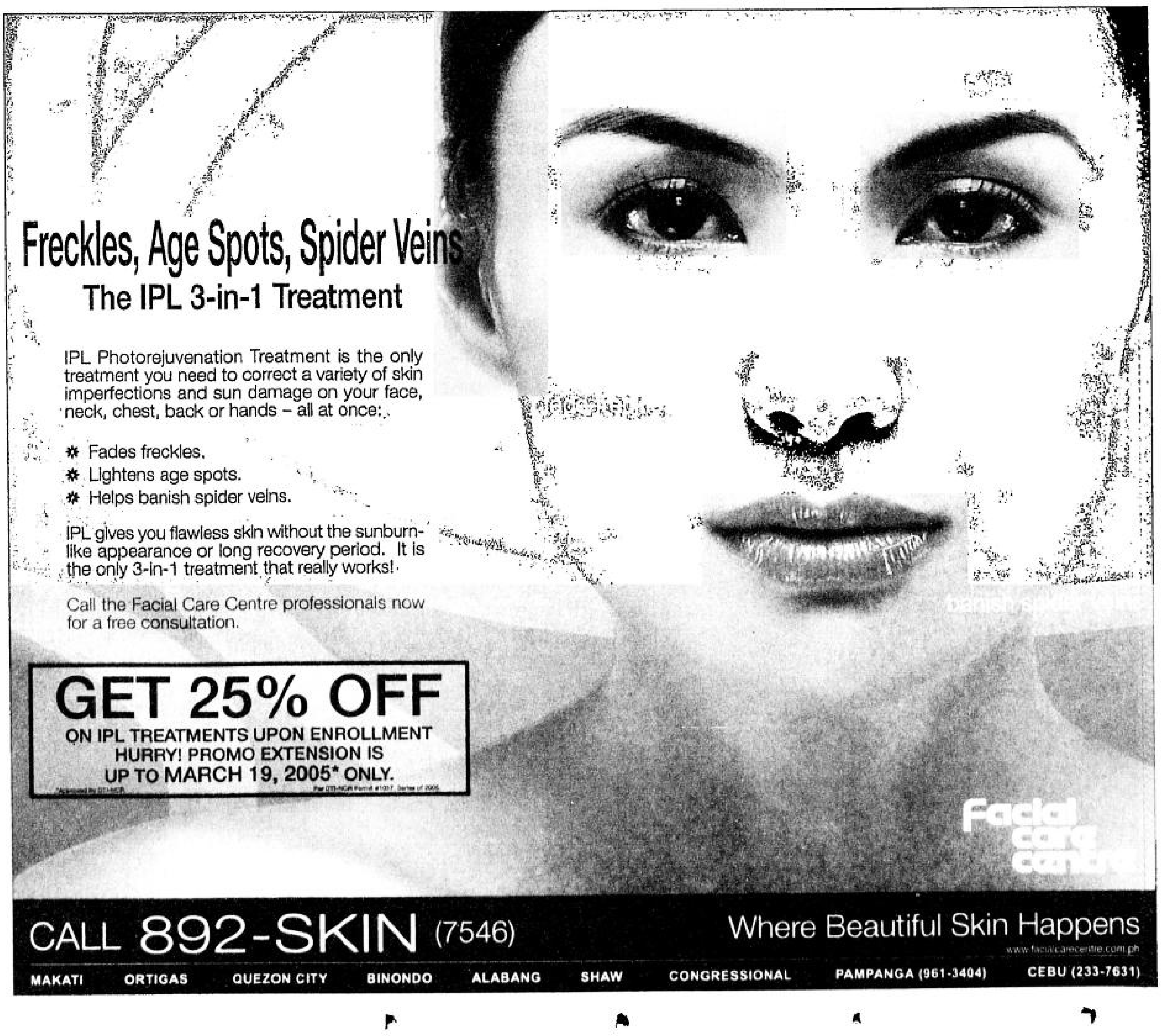
"We were [headed] in the right direction," he said.

In the Philippines, where 85 percent of the people are Catholic, the population growth rate is 2.3 percent, according to the National Statistics Office.

"Bakit ganoon (Why is it like that)?" Ramos said.

"I hope we can bring down the figure to 2 percent or less," Ramos said, adding that the right term to use for the population policy program was "responsible parenthood."

"Population management, population control and family planning are a 'no-no'; the right term should be responsible parenthood. And [this] should be exercised in accordance with the exercise of freedom of couples, according to their concept of a better quality of life," the former President said. *Yolanda Sotelo-Fuertes, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*



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Weathermen fear clouds of doubt over forecasts

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of giving out forecasts after the trauma of last year's floods brought about by typhoons that the weather agency was late in predicting.

A senior specialist at Pagasa admitted before a gathering of international experts that the bureau had insufficient skills and equipment to come up with accurate predictions.

With inadequate skills in forecasting, Pagasa personnel are "so afraid to give a (forecast) ... we decided to show people the limitations of our facilities," Susan Espinueva said during a conference on water governance and poverty held by Searca (Southeast Asian Ministers of Education Organization Regional Center for Graduate Study and Research in Agriculture).

Espinueva, who is with the Pagasa weather and flood forecasting division, made a presentation on early warning systems for water-related disasters before some 40 academicians and officials from Southeast Asia.

GMA order

She said the Philippines had only 56 synoptic stations to cover the entire archipelago of more than 7,100 islands and did not have any operational radar.

Espinueva said she was not sure whether the bureau could meet President Macapagal-Arroyo's order to have three radars operational in eastern Luzon before the rainy season starts.

"That's a tall order from the President considering the limited funds, but it's a challenge. We're trying to source (outside) funds," she said.

The Philippines was ravaged by four typhoons late last year, killing scores of people and injuring hundreds of others, especially in the provinces of Aurora, Quezon and Nueva Ecija.

Under fire

"Pagasa has been under fire for not giving early warnings. (It was a blessing in disguise) because it was an opportunity to shift the attention to the need for a better early warning system," she said.

Aside from not being able to give accurate predictions, Espinueva said, Pagasa was concerned that certain sectors, particularly farmers, could not understand the forecasts.

Pagasa is trying to improve its communication skills so local governments, as well as households, could understand what the forecasts mean so that they could prepare for the possible effects of different weather disturbances.

Satur: 11 activists killed, 5 abducted during 1st quarter

By Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LUCENA CITY—Renewed violence against members of leftist organizations has resulted in at least 11 killings and five abductions or disappearances from January to the first week of March this year, according to Bayan Muna Rep. Satur Ocampo.

"What happened in Mindoro in the years 2001-2003—where several killings, abductions and disappearances occurred—is now a threatening phenomenon in Central Luzon and also beginning to spread in the provinces of Quezon, Laguna and Batangas in Southern Tagalog," Ocampo said in a recent privilege speech, a copy of which was furnished the INQUIRER.

He said the killings, abductions and disappearances could not be but acts of terrorism.

"The probability, if not the certainty, that these are perpetrated by agents of the state, through its military or paramilitary operatives, makes the situation a larger cause for public concern," he said.

He said urgent action must be taken to "put an end to these atrocities."

Ocampo reported that on March 1, four members of the Gabriela Women's Party were arrested by Army soldiers in Sampaloc, Quezon, without warrants. They were later freed.

Two days later, Bayan Muna leader and Tarlac City Councilor Abelardo Ladera was murdered.

After a few hours, Danilo Macapagal, former secretary general of the Bagong Alyansang Makabayan in Nueva Ecija, was abducted by armed men. He has not been seen since.

Ocampo also disclosed that on March 6, Army soldiers in Catarman conducted a stakeout at the headquarters of Bayan Muna in Northern Samar in an effort to harass militant activists who were protesting the deployment of troops to the town of Catubig.

The next day, Mer Dizon, Zambales-Anakbayan provincial chair, was arrested by Army soldiers. He is now still detained at the Iba provincial jail.

Ocampo recalled that Congress had approved a resolution that led the House committee on human rights to investigate the series of killings of more than 40 members of Bayan Muna over a period of almost three years.

He lamented that despite all the committee investigations and recommendations, among them the freezing of the promotion of then Col. Jovito Palparan, the recommendations of the committee had fallen on deaf ears.

Instead, Palparan was promoted to brigadier general and has been named head of the 8th Infantry Division in Samar. "It was his units that were harassing the people at the headquarters of Bayan Muna in Catarman," Ocampo said.

"Is the present government determined to illegalize Bayan Muna, Anakpawis and the Gabriela Women's Party? Is it the government's policy to make no distinction between the underground revolutionary movement and the aboveground legal democratic mass movement?" he asked.

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Pro-worker priest killed in Tarlac

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bullet wounds in the head and chest. He died a few minutes after reaching the Central Luzon Doctors' Hospital here just after 9 a.m.

Tadena was head of the social concerns committee of IFI Tarlac and chair of the human rights committee of the Promotion for Church People's Response (PCPR).

His colleagues said Tadena had organized a relief mission for the striking workers of Hacienda Luisita and donated about 100 bags of relief goods.

In his homilies, Tadena had urged his parishioners to support the ongoing strike at the Cojuangco family-owned sugar estate.

Tadena became the third supporter of the strike felled by an assassin's bullet.

The first was Marcelino Beltran, chair of the Alyansa ng Magbubukid sa Tarlac and one of the witnesses to the Nov. 16 dispersal of striking workers that left several workers dead. Beltran was gunned down in his house in Sta. Ignacia town on Dec. 8 last year.

On March 3, Councilor Abelardo Ladera was shot and killed in Barangay Paraiso in the city. Ladera, of Barangay Balete in the sugar estate, was a supporter of the striking members of the Central Azucarera de Tarlac Labor Union (Catlu) and the United Luisita Workers Union (Ulwu).

In the city council, Ladera had sponsored resolutions supporting the workers. One called for a congressional review of the stock distribution option at Hacienda Luisita.

Tadena's companion, Carlos Barsolaso, 38, was hit in the head and was reported to be in critical condition. Two bullets hit the right leg of another companion, Charlie Gabriel, 24.

A third companion, Ervina Domingo, 20, was unhurt.

On his way home

Tadena's relatives said the priest had just finished celebrating Mass at the Barangay Guevarra plaza in La Paz and was on his way home to Victoria town when his group was attacked.

The priest and his companions, who were aboard a jeep, were passing in front of the Guevarra Elementary School when the assailants on a motorcycle started shooting at them.

Aside from supporting the Hacienda Luisita workers, Tadena had joined fact-finding missions in Pura town, where a mass evacuation of residents happened after New People's Army guerrillas and Army soldiers clashed in October last year, according to a regional leader of a militant group.

Task Force Pari

Fabian Hallig, secretary general of the Alliance of Concerned Teachers in Central Luzon, said Tadena had also joined a fact-finding mission in Victoria where three civilians, suspected of being members of the communist NPA, were arrested in January.

Chief Supt. Rowland Albano, Central Luzon police director, has formed a task force to investigate the latest assassination.

"I have formed Task Force Pari and have offered P50,000 as reward for those who can give us any information (that would solve the murder)," Albano said in a phone interview.

"We are also looking into any connection between the killing of Reverend Tadena and the (killing) of Councilor Abel Ladera," he said.

The police officer said he had given the task force seven days to come up with a report.

In a statement issued yesterday, Albano recommended the creation of a multisectoral task force to go after vigilante groups that he said might be responsible for the killing of people known to support striking workers of Hacienda Luisita.

He said the task force could be composed of representatives from the Philippine National Police, military, regional offices of the National Bureau of Investigation, Commission on Human Rights and other intelligence units.

Vigilantism

He said the task force should be formed in light of the "rising unsolved killings and vigilantism in the region."

Albano urged the people to "remain calm and not to take matters into their hands and let the police do their job."

While Task Force Pari has yet to come up with its findings, Anakpawis Rep. Crispin Beltran is accusing the military of orchestrating a "grand plot" to liquidate political dissidents and members of peasant groups.

Responsibility

"The Armed Forces of the Philippines is killing noncombatants, civilians and activists left and right, because they think they're finding it hard to defeat the New People's Army," he said.

Beltran said the Arroyo administration should take full responsibility for these killings.

"By ignoring the reports of the mounting number of murders, it is abetting the cold-blooded assassination of civilians and activists," he said.

Beltran said Malacañang, which could order an immediate halt to the killings, was not lifting a finger to stop them.

Since Jan. 13 civilians and members of peasant organizations in Central Luzon have been killed, "and the perpetrators are strongly suspected of being from the military, belonging to the 56th Infantry Battalion (IB), 24th IB, 48th IB, 69th IB and elements of Cafgu," he said.

List of victims

Military officers have denied the allegations.

In January and February, 12 people were killed, five were missing and four were harassed by police and military forces in Pampanga, Bataan, Nueva Ecija and Aurora, according to the Anakpawis representative.

Beltran identified those killed in Bulacan as Roger Viray, vice president of the fisherfolk group Pamalakaya; Rodel Pelayo and Joey Abraham, both members of the Central Luzon Aeta Association; Renato Espino, a worker and Anakpawis coordinator; Rodrigo Lampa, a Bayan Muna coordinator and Noel Garcia and his father, Nicanor Garcia, both members of peasant groups under the Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas.

Beltran said Viray and Cherry or Gerry Viray were abducted in Masantol, Pampanga, on Feb. 18; Pelayo and Abraham were killed on Feb. 18 in Balanga, Bataan, and Crispin Amazona, who had gone missing on Feb. 14, was found dead the following day in Dingalan, Aurora.

He said Esteban Pastor was abducted on Feb. 11 in San Luis, Aurora, and had yet to be found; Espino was killed on Feb. 18 in Mexico, Pampanga; Lampa was killed on Feb. 16 in Guagua, Pampanga; Felino Briones was killed on Jan. 25; Garcia and an unnamed boy were killed in Guagua, and Dan Macapagal and four others were abducted in Nueva Ecija on March 3. *With reports from Luige A. del Puerto and Michael Lim Ubac in Manila*

Graduating students read poorly, says DepEd

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glish, Science and Math. The passing grade is at least 60 percent.

Surprisingly, students in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao, one of the poorest areas in the country, fared better than their counterparts in other regions, scoring 45 percent in the two tests.

Students in Metro Manila obtained scores of between 32 percent and 36 percent, while students in Bicol and Region 11 (Davao) tallied the lowest scores.

For the 2003 NAT, the overall national score was 50.03 percent for Grade 5 students and 44.36 percent for fourth year high school students.

Poor reading skills

Luz traced the low scores to poor reading skills. "It's all a function of reading. The kids are not reading or are not reading with comprehension."

The education undersecretary said the reading level of a first year high school student was equivalent to a late Grade 4 or early Grade 5 level. "So we are a couple of years behind here," he said.

Luz attributed the poor reading skills to poor teaching, lack of books and materials, overcrowded classrooms, and lack of reading in the homes of students.

A new round of NAT exams was given to Grade 6 pupils on March 10. The NAT is scheduled to be given to fourth year high school students today. There are around 1.6 million Grade 6 pupils and 1 million fourth year high school students.

Luz does not expect the scores to change significantly this year. "It takes years, around three to four years, to develop reading skills," he said.

Results of the new round of NAT are expected to be out in April.

Evaluation

The NAT is meant to be for evaluation purposes and not for passing and failing a student. "They will help us determine programs for high school and elementary," Luz said.

A recent DepEd order said the tests "seek to monitor the public education system and schools for public accountability, help provide information to better identify instructional practices, measure student achievement and evaluate student's mastery skills."

The National Education Testing and Research Center (NETRC) administers the tests to students with the assistance of officials of public elementary and secondary schools.

The tests are similar to the National Elementary Achievement Test (NEAT) and National Secondary Achievement Test (NSAT) that were previously administered to Grade 6 pupils and fourth year high school students.

Extra year and preschool

Because of the poor scores, the DepEd is considering the adoption of a University of the Philippines College of Education study advocating an extra year in high school and one year in pre-school with universal access.

The extra year in high school, however, needs to be legislated by Congress.

In the meantime, Education Secretary Florencio Abad has issued a department order requiring school officials to meet a minimum number of school days every school year and to lessen activities that take teachers and students away from the classroom.

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Commercial logging in Cordillera unlikely to be allowed–GMA

FORT DEL PILAR, Baguio City—Opening up the heavily forested mountains of the Cordillera to commercial logging was unlikely, President Macapagal-Arroyo hinted the other day.

"[Environment Secretary Michael Defensor and I] have been discussing this matter and probably the chances that the Cordillera will be opened to logging are very, very small," the President told reporters here on Saturday after she addressed the graduating class of the Philippine Military Academy.

The President's pronouncement preempted a campaign being prepared by the region's leaders to protest the Cordillera's selection, with the Davao and Caraga regions, as host to commercial logging.

Mt. Province Gov. Maximo Dalog, chair of the Cordillera Regional Development Council, said the region's leaders were asking Defensor to open small-scale logging concessions only to indigenous communities.

"Our people will cut trees to build their homes and that should be fine, but when the government allows people to sell the trees, then that is very wrong," Dalog told the INQUIRER on Tuesday.

Dalog said indigenous communities in the Cordillera had always objected to a logging ban which would prevent them from harvesting the mountain's resources.

Santos Bayucca, project director of the Global Ifugao Forest City Movement, said Ifugaos had been able to nurture the watersheds that feed water down to the centuries-old rice terraces of their province, but several laws now forbade them from using the forests for their livelihood.

Congress must amend Presidential Decree No. 705, or the Revised Forestry Code of the Philippines, which bars indigenous peoples from "using the trees they plant," Dalog said.

In a related development, Defensor lifted the suspension order against 34 of the 52 wood processing plants in Bukidnon.

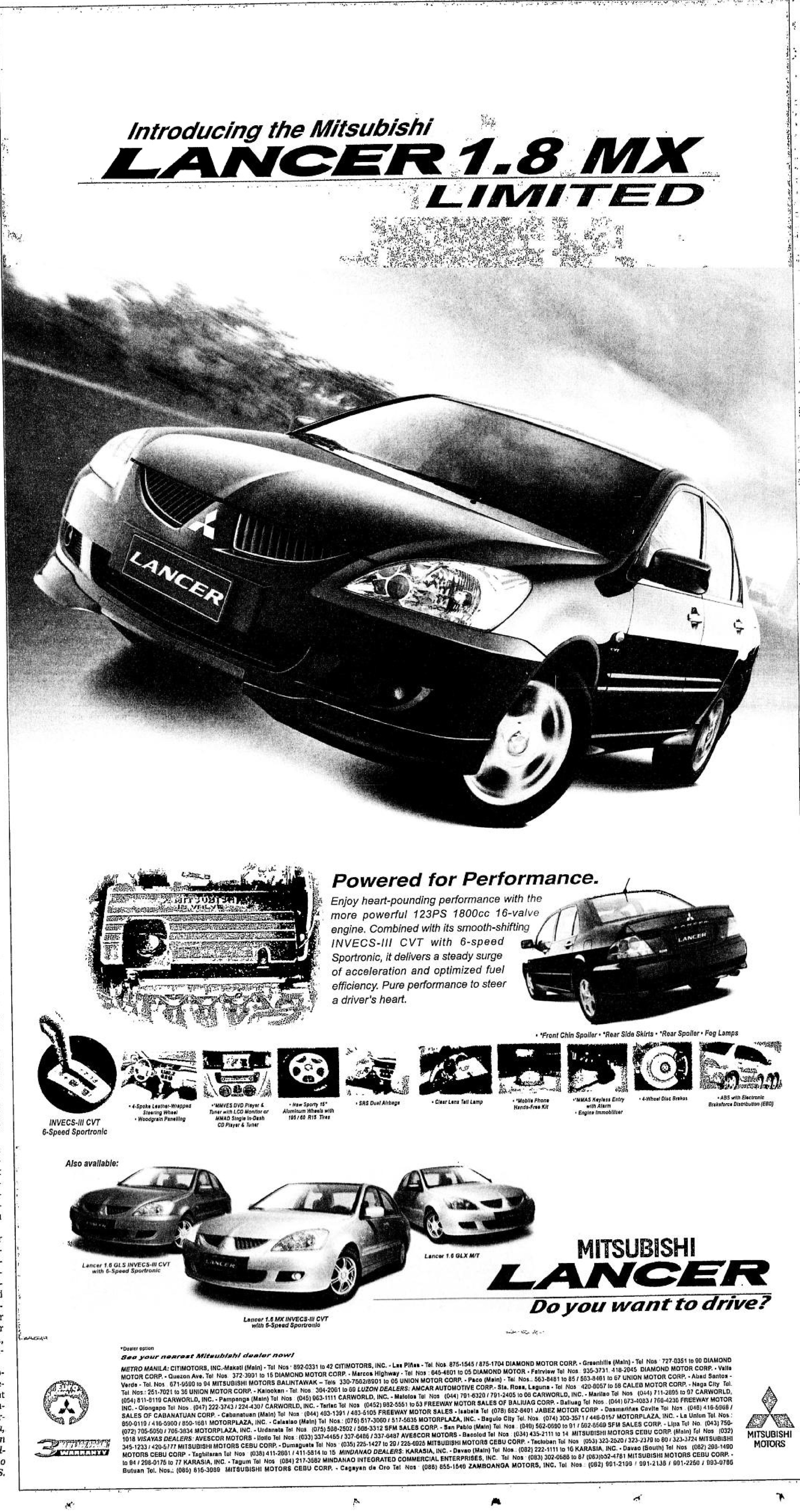
The Northern Mindanao DENR office had shuttered the sawmills after the crackdown on illegal logging.

Defensor lifted the suspension during a dialogue with the sawmill operators.

"I am lifting the suspension but always remember that once you fail the requisites in your operations, we will automatically close you down," he said.

Earlier, Defensor said that to fight illegal logging, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources would need five times its P405-million budget for forest protection, or around P2.2 billion, nearly half the agency's entire budget.

Defensor said a total log ban would require the resettlement of some 500,000 families living in forest areas. *Vincent Cabreza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau; Grace C. Albasin, PDI Mindanao Bureau; Blanche S. Rivera*



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For lack of funds, RP to lose P1B in grants

By Blanche S. Rivera

THE PHILIPPINES stands to lose P1 billion in loans and grants for environment-related foreign-assisted projects (FAPs) this year due to lack of counterpart funds from the government.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources has failed to raise P30 million as counterpart funds for major grants and P27 million for loans to fund the FAPs.

Of the P1 billion, P954 million were grants and P102 million were loans, DENR records showed.

Environment Secretary Michael Defensor said the DENR was expecting an insertion of some P500 million in its 2005 budget in the aborted congressional bicameral conference.

The Senate, however, adopted the House version of the budget two weeks ago, thus, eliminating the need for a bicameral committee meeting.

The DENR was given a P5.5 billion budget, of which P4.9 billion is for regular appropriations, or mostly for the salaries of DENR's personnel and operating expenses.

Environment Undersecretary for Finance Manny de Castro said eight ongoing projects and four pipeline projects would be stalled unless the government is able to raise the counterpart funds for the FAPs.

One of the pipeline projects that would be put on hold is the second phase of the Land Administration and Management Program (LAMP II), which is being pushed by President Macapagal-Arroyo to give the poor capital through the titling of their lands.

LAMP II needs P19 million in counterpart funds from the government. It has no allocation in the 2005 budget.

"We are trying to work it out... Even if we get P5 million, it could be enough. What's important is to have counterpart funding to sign the loan agreement," De Castro told the INQUIRER in a recent briefing.

He said the agency could be forced to choose between dropping some FAPs and sacrificing some activities in the regular DENR budget to be able to make realignments.

De Castro said he would ask the Bureau of Internal Revenue to delay the payment of taxes on the FAPs as most of the government's counterpart funds would go to the payment of taxes.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Monday, March 14, 2005
5th Week of Lent

1st Reading: Dn 13:1-9,15-17,19-30,33-62 or 41-62
Gospel: John 8:1-11

Jesus went to the Mount of Olives.

At daybreak Jesus appeared in the Temple again. All the people came to him, and he sat down and began to teach them.

Then the teachers of the Law and the Pharisees brought in a woman who had been caught in the act of adultery. They made her stand in front of everyone. "Master," they said, "this woman has been caught in the act of adultery. Now the Law of Moses orders that such women be stoned to death; but you, what do you say?" They said this to test Jesus, in order to have some charge against him.

Jesus bent down and started writing on the ground with his finger. And as they continued to ask him, he straightened up and said to them, "Let anyone among you who has no sin be the first to throw a stone at her." And he bent down again, writing on the ground.

As a result of these words, they went away, one by one, starting with the elders, and Jesus was left alone with the woman standing before him. Then Jesus stood up and said to her, "Woman, where are they? Has no one condemned you?" She replied, "No one." And Jesus said, "Neither do I condemn you; go away and don't sin again."

Commentary

Jesus draws near to his death and false witnesses against him. He prays by night and teaches in the Temple by day and they bring him a woman 'caught in adultery'—only one of two that is needed for adultery. They care not for her life or person, only to trap Jesus in his own words. Either he will be just according to the law, and give them permission to kill her and loose the crowd or he will be merciful and not obey the law and give the authorities more reason to reject and kill him. But he wisely doesn't choose and makes them take responsibility for their actions—both setting him up and trying to kill someone. He turns the law on them: 'Let anyone among you who has no sin be the first to throw a stone at her.' And they are shamed and leave. Jesus forgives her and frees her. Where do we stand? Intent on using religion to validate killing: the death penalty, pre-emptive strikes, nuclear weapons, killing sanctions that only effect the poor, treaties that are unjust to the other side, giving us the benefits, claiming that we are good and the other is evil? Lord, have mercy on us and face us down in our sin.

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Pagcor mulls countersuit

THE PHILIPPINE Amusement and Gaming Corp. (Pagcor) plans to take legal action against PlunderWatch which had earlier filed a P946-million plunder case against top Pagcor officials.

In a statement, Pagcor branded the charges, supposedly based on anomalous deals between the gaming corporation and the Waterfront Casino Hotels in Cebu, as "pure harassment."

"While it is being wrongly accused of launching a campaign to discredit its critics, ironically, the corporation is itself a victim of black propa ganda. Pagcor is then contemplating legal action in order to protect itself from these malicious attacks," Pagcor said, but did not specify the charges.

On Friday, PlunderWatch filed charges with the Office of the Ombudsman against top Pagcor officials led by its chair, Efraim Genuino, alleging that Pagcor paid P946 million in advances, back rent and a 20-percent marketing incentive fee to Waterfront for the operation of its two casinos in Cebu and Lapu-lapu cities.

The payment was made despite Waterfront's failure to fulfill their contractual obligations, it said.

Pagcor, however, insisted the deal was above-board, saying, "There is absolutely no truth to the report that the current contract between Pagcor and Waterfront Hotels is anomalous or disadvantageous to the government." *TJ Burgonio*

SUPREME COURT DOCTRINES

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BY R. B. VERA

Naia 3 traffic scheme set up

THE MANILA International Airport Authority (Miaa) yesterday began implementing a new traffic scheme designed for the Ninoy Aquino International Airport (Naia) Terminal 3.

"We'll continue with this test run until Naia 3 opens in June," Angel Atutubo, Miaa assistant general manager for security, told the INQUIRER in a phone interview.

The test run is also timed for the first-ever visit of President Macapagal-Arroyo to Naia 3 tomorrow.

Atutubo said the airport authority and the Metro Manila Development Authority (MMDA) are anticipating heavy traffic in the area in the coming days.

"That's why we're studying this thoroughly. The important thing is this would not inconvenience the arrival and departure of passengers," Atutubo said.

Motorists, especially those bound for Villamor Air Base coming from Aurora Blvd. (Tramo) in Pasay City will find a major rerouting of vehicles starting today.

The five-lane Andrews Avenue, the road fronting Naia 3, will become one-way leading to Aurora Blvd.

In the new traffic scheme, airport and Villamor-bound vehicles coming from Tramo would have to take the Andrews Ave. extension then make a left turn to Manlunas Street and go straight to Sales Street. *Nikko Dizon*

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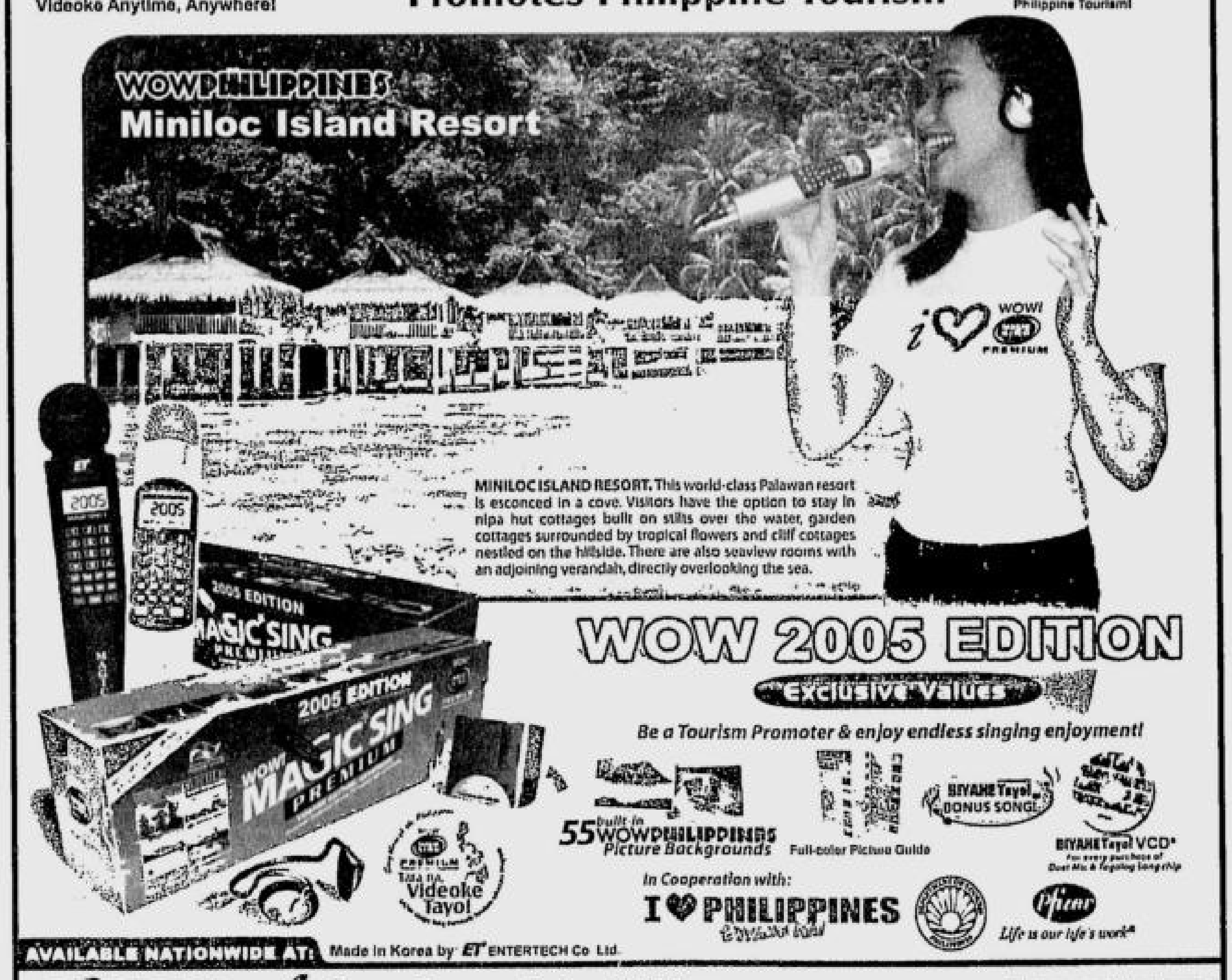

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Tobacco foes want RP in int'l alliance

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PROPONENTS of a newly passed international law against cigarette smoking want the Philippines included in their alliance that has so far drawn support from 57 countries.

The Framework Convention on Tobacco Control Alliance wants the Arroyo administration to adopt the treaty, a measure to clip the wings of giant cigarette companies and curb the so-called "tobacco epidemic" worldwide.

The Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) came into force on Feb. 27 and was adopted mostly by developing countries in the Asia Pacific, Africa and Latin American regions.

"Unfortunately, the Philippines is not yet among the countries who have ratified the FCTC," said Dr. Maricar Limpin, president of the alliance's Philippine chapter.

"We thus call on our government leaders to immediately ratify and implement the treaty. Ratification and implementation of this treaty are critical to protecting our citizens and our country from the devastating health and economic impacts of tobacco."

Limpin's group was alarmed by figures showing how widespread—and dreadful—cigarette smoking had become in the country.

At least two Filipinos die every hour—or around 20,000 yearly—from ailments associated with smoking, she said, citing studies conducted by the anti-smoking alliance.

The findings run parallel to a World Health Organization study showing that around five million people die every year because of tobacco use.

Unless the trend is arrested, the alliance said the annual fatality rate would shoot up to 10 million, with 70 percent of the deaths occurring in developing countries like the Philippines.

"Tobacco is the second leading cause of death globally and the only legal product that causes the death of half of its regular users," the group said in a statement.

In the Philippines, Limpin said around 35 percent of the more than 80 million population are smokers. This figure does not include "second-hand" smokers or those who inhale the smoke of cigarette users, she said.

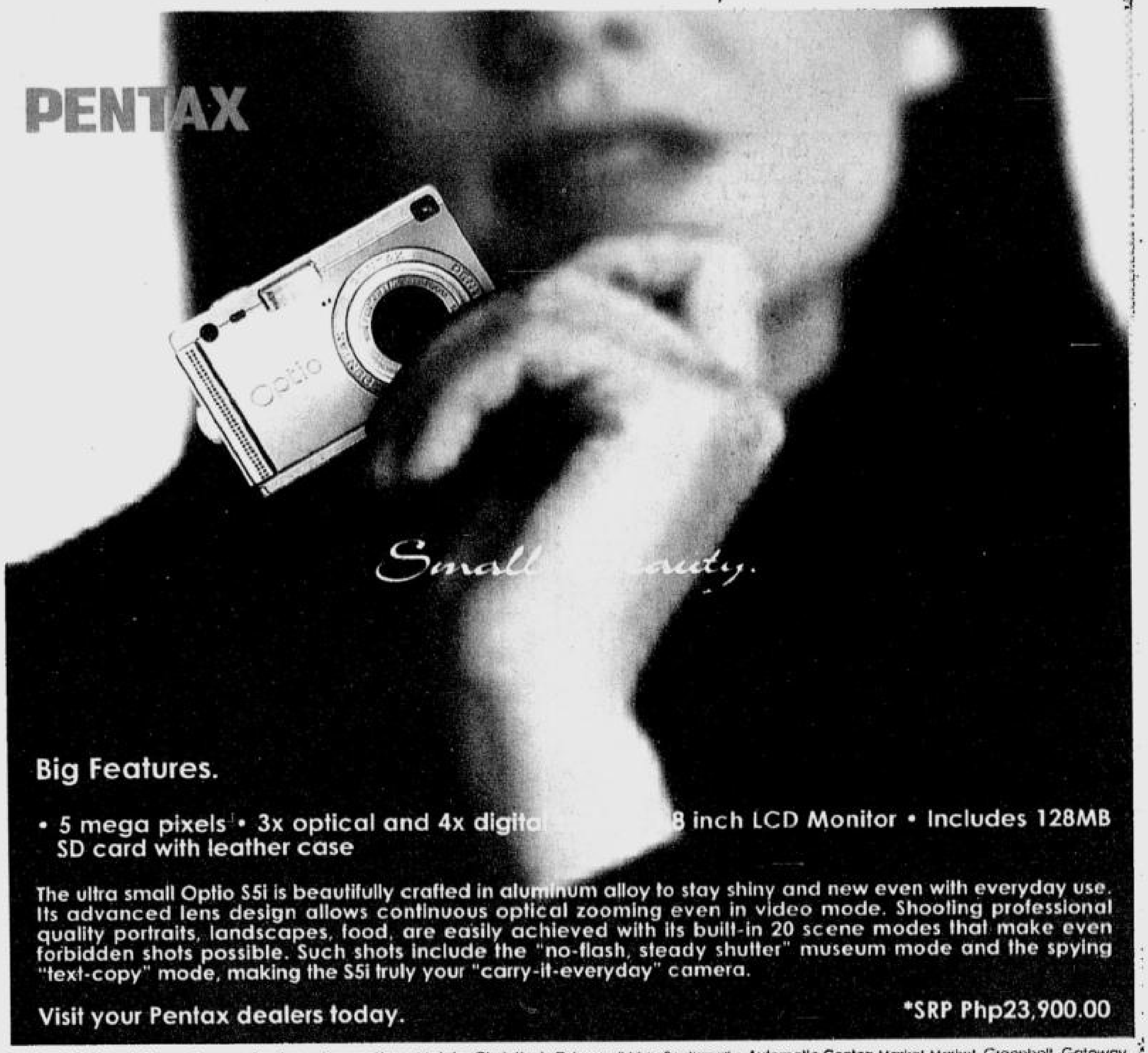
"The implication is big because in every 10 households, there are six with at least one smoker," she told the INQUIRER yesterday.

Adopting the FCTC would ostensibly allow the country to put more teeth into the existing Tobacco Regulation Act of 2003, the law that requires a total ban on all tobacco advertisements three years from now.

It would also provide the Philippines "basic tools to protect the health of (its) citizens from the tobacco industry's deceptions and slick marketing," the group said.

"We still need to strengthen the implementation, especially now that cigarette companies are naturally very aggressive in their ads because of the 2008 deadline," Limpin said.

Once it enters the treaty, the Philippines will be given three years to come up with measures to "ensure that tobacco packaging has strong health warnings, or five years to establish comprehensive tobacco advertising, promotion and sponsorship bans, among others."



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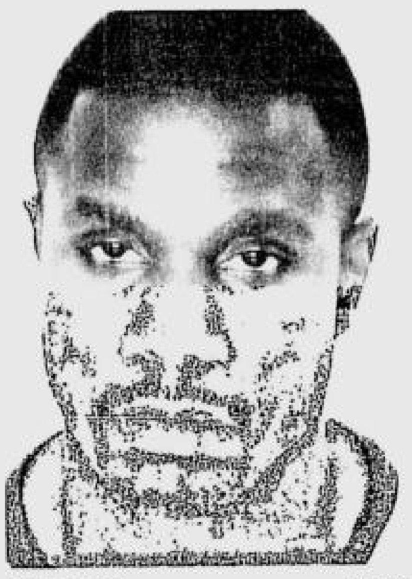

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Nichols, a computer technician, was accused of breaking into his former girlfriend's apartment, binding her with duct tape and raping her. He was being retried and faced possible life imprisonment, after a first trial ended in a hung jury on Monday.

For much of Friday, police had searched for a green Honda in which Nichols was believed to have made his getaway, but they eventually found the car in the parking lot where it was thought to have been stolen.

Authorities were also investigating a death threat against the prosecutor in the rape case, which was phoned in Friday by a man claiming to be Nichols.

The case was being tried by Barnes, 64, one of the most senior judges in Atlanta, who has handled high-profile and controversial cases.

Last month, he sentenced to probation an Atlanta ice hockey star, Dany Heatley, who killed a teammate in a car crash. Barnes agreed to a plea from the family of Graham Snyder not to put Heatley in jail. *AFP*

Hamas to run vs moderates in Palestinian poll

NABLUS, West Bank—A militant Palestinian group sworn to Israel's destruction announced on Saturday that it would compete in Palestinian parliamentary elections scheduled for July, ending a decade-old boycott.

The announcement by the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas set the stage for a showdown with President Mahmoud Abbas' moderate Fatah faction which has dominated Palestinian politics since the Palestinian Authority was established in 1994.

Hamas leaders said at a news conference in the West Bank city of Nablus that the group would run on a platform of preserving the right to wage an armed struggle against Israel until it ends its occupation of Palestinian lands.

Mohammed Ghazal, a local leader, said Hamas would campaign "on the basis of sticking to the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and protecting the program of resistance as a strategic choice until the occupation is swept away."

Hamas recently agreed to abide by a de facto ceasefire called by Abbas, who succeeded Yasser Arafat, as a first step toward renewing deadlocked peace negotiations with Israel.

Abbas welcomed the Hamas decision to contest the July 17 poll, calling it a "good step to participate in political life." *Reuters*

Attackers kill two US contractors in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq—Attackers ambushed and killed two American contractors working for Blackwater Security Consulting south of the Iraqi capital, the US Embassy and security officials said Sunday.

Embassy spokesperson Bob Callahan said the attack occurred Saturday on the main road to Hillah, south of Baghdad. He did not say exactly where.

"I can confirm that two American employees of Blackwater Security were killed early yesterday (Saturday) afternoon on the road to Hillah when an IED exploded next to their vehicle, Callahan said.

An IED is a military acronym for an improvised explosive device, or homemade bomb used frequently by insurgents to attack US troops, their allies and Iraqi forces.

Another American Blackwater employee "was injured and is being treated at the military hospital in the Green Zone. His injuries are not life threatening," Callahan said.

No other details were immediately available, and officials at the firm's headquarters at Blackwater USA in Moyock, North Carolina, could not be reached for comment.

The Americans were believed to be traveling in a convoy that included a black four-wheel drive Chevrolet Suburban, a foreign security official in Baghdad said on condition of anonymity.

Blackwater Security Consulting helps provide diplomatic security for US state department officials in Iraq, according to their website.

In March 2004, four Blackwater employees were killed in the turbulent city of Fallujah, and two of the corpses were hung from a bridge, triggering a bloody three-week siege of the restive Sunni Muslim city west of Baghdad soon afterward.

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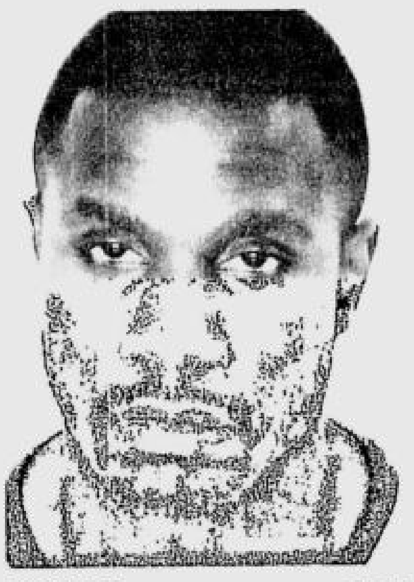
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Nichols, a computer technician, was accused of breaking into his former girlfriend's apartment, binding her with duct tape and raping her. He was being retried and faced possible life imprisonment, after a first trial ended in a hung jury on Monday.

For much of Friday, police had searched for a green Honda in which Nichols was believed to have made his getaway, but they eventually found the car in the parking lot where it was thought to have been stolen.

Authorities were also investigating a death threat against the prosecutor in the rape case, which was phoned in Friday by a man claiming to be Nichols.

The case was being tried by Barnes, 64, one of the most senior judges in Atlanta, who has handled high-profile and controversial cases.

Last month, he sentenced to probation an Atlanta ice hockey star, Dany Heatley, who killed a teammate in a car crash. Barnes agreed to a plea from the family of Graham Snyder not to put Heatley in jail. *AFP*

Hamas to run vs moderates in Palestinian poll

NABLUS, West Bank—A militant Palestinian group sworn to Israel's destruction announced on Saturday that it would compete in Palestinian parliamentary elections scheduled for July, ending a decade-old boycott.

The announcement by the Islamic Resistance Movement Hamas set the stage for a showdown with President Mahmoud Abbas' moderate Fatah faction which has dominated Palestinian politics since the Palestinian Authority was established in 1994.

Hamas leaders said at a news conference in the West Bank city of Nablus that the group would run on a platform of preserving the right to wage an armed struggle against Israel until it ends its occupation of Palestinian lands.

Mohammed Ghazal, a local leader, said Hamas would campaign "on the basis of sticking to the legitimate rights of the Palestinian people and protecting the program of resistance as a strategic choice until the occupation is swept away."

Hamas recently agreed to abide by a de facto ceasefire called by Abbas, who succeeded Yasser Arafat, as a first step toward renewing deadlocked peace negotiations with Israel.

Abbas welcomed the Hamas decision to contest the July 17 poll, calling it a "good step to participate in political life." *Reuters*

Attackers kill two US contractors in Baghdad

BAGHDAD, Iraq—Attackers ambushed and killed two American contractors working for Blackwater Security Consulting south of the Iraqi capital, the US Embassy and security officials said Sunday.

Embassy spokesperson Bob Callahan said the attack occurred Saturday on the main road to Hillah, south of Baghdad. He did not say exactly where.

"I can confirm that two American employees of Blackwater Security were killed early yesterday (Saturday) afternoon on the road to Hillah when an IED exploded next to their vehicle, Callahan said.

An IED is a military acronym for an improvised explosive device, or homemade bomb used frequently by insurgents to attack US troops, their allies and Iraqi forces.

Another American Blackwater employee "was injured and is being treated at the military hospital in the Green Zone. His injuries are not life threatening," Callahan said.

No other details were immediately available, and officials at the firm's headquarters at Blackwater USA in Moyock, North Carolina, could not be reached for comment.

The Americans were believed to be traveling in a convoy that included a black four-wheel drive Chevrolet Suburban, a foreign security official in Baghdad said on condition of anonymity.

Blackwater Security Consulting helps provide diplomatic security for US state department officials in Iraq, according to their website.

In March 2004, four Blackwater employees were killed in the turbulent city of Fallujah, and two of the corpses were hung from a bridge, triggering a bloody three-week siege of the restive Sunni Muslim city west of Baghdad soon afterward.

Foreign contractors are often targeted by anti-US guerrillas. At least 232 American civilian security and reconstruction contractors were killed in Iraq up to the end of 2004, according to the Washington-based Brookings Institution. *AP*

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2 Afghan prisoners killed by US soldiers, says rights body

NEW YORK—Two Afghan prisoners who died in US custody in December 2002 were killed by US soldiers who chained them in standing positions and beat them, Human Rights Watch said Saturday, citing US Army investigative reports.

The reports provide the first official account of events leading to the deaths of the two detainees, which the US military initially said were due to natural causes.

Among those implicated in the torture were members of the 519th Military Intelligence Battalion, which went on to establish an interrogation unit at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq, the reports said.

Twenty-eight soldiers and reservists have been recommended for prosecution in connection with the abuse of prisoners at a US detention facility in Bagram, Afghanistan, but only two have been charged so far, they said.

"This investigation doesn't show that these were isolated incidents. It shows that prisoners were being beaten regularly and it was a common thing and a common affair at the time," John Fiston of Human Rights Watch told AFP.

"Further investigation is needed," Fiston said, adding that it's unclear to HRW if the abuse was initiated by rogue soldiers on the ground, or whether officers and the military leadership were involved.

Fiston stressed that they were not the first detainee deaths to have occurred at US detention facilities in Afghanistan, saying two other detainees had died in September and November.

The New York Times, quoting the army report, said Mullah Habibullah died in an isolation cell on Dec. 4, 2002, from a pulmonary embolism "apparently caused by blood clots formed in his legs from the beatings." Another detainee identified as Dilawar died six days later in another isolation cell from "blunt force trauma to the lower extremities complicating coronary artery disease," the army report was quoted as saying.

Private Willie Brand, charged with manslaughter in a closed-door hearing in Texas last month, acknowledged striking Dilawar 37 times. *AFP*

Argentina expels fugitive ex-Nazi

BUENOS AIRES—A fugitive ex Nazi, Paul Schaefer, is being expelled late Saturday from Argentina to Chile where he has been sought for eight years and charged in absentia for child abuse, official sources said.

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The expulsion of the 83-year-old Schaefer, who is also wanted in Chile in relation to alleged crimes under the dictatorship of Augusto Pinochet, was confirmed to AFP by Argentine federal judge Hector Echave.

Separately, Chile's government also confirmed the expulsion of the ex-Nazi was under way.

"I want, above all, to give our thanks to the (Argentine) government of President (Nestor) Kirchner," Chile's Interior Minister, Jose Miguel Insulza, said in a statement released in Santiago.

Insulza said the fugitive would likely face a court hearing on Monday.

German-born Schaefer was captured by Argentine and Chilean agents in a joint operation two days ago near Buenos Aires after eight years on the run.

He was wanted by Santiago on child abuse and torture charges, some of which revolve around a mysterious sect he founded and ran in the so-called Colonia Dignidad in southern Chile. *AFP*

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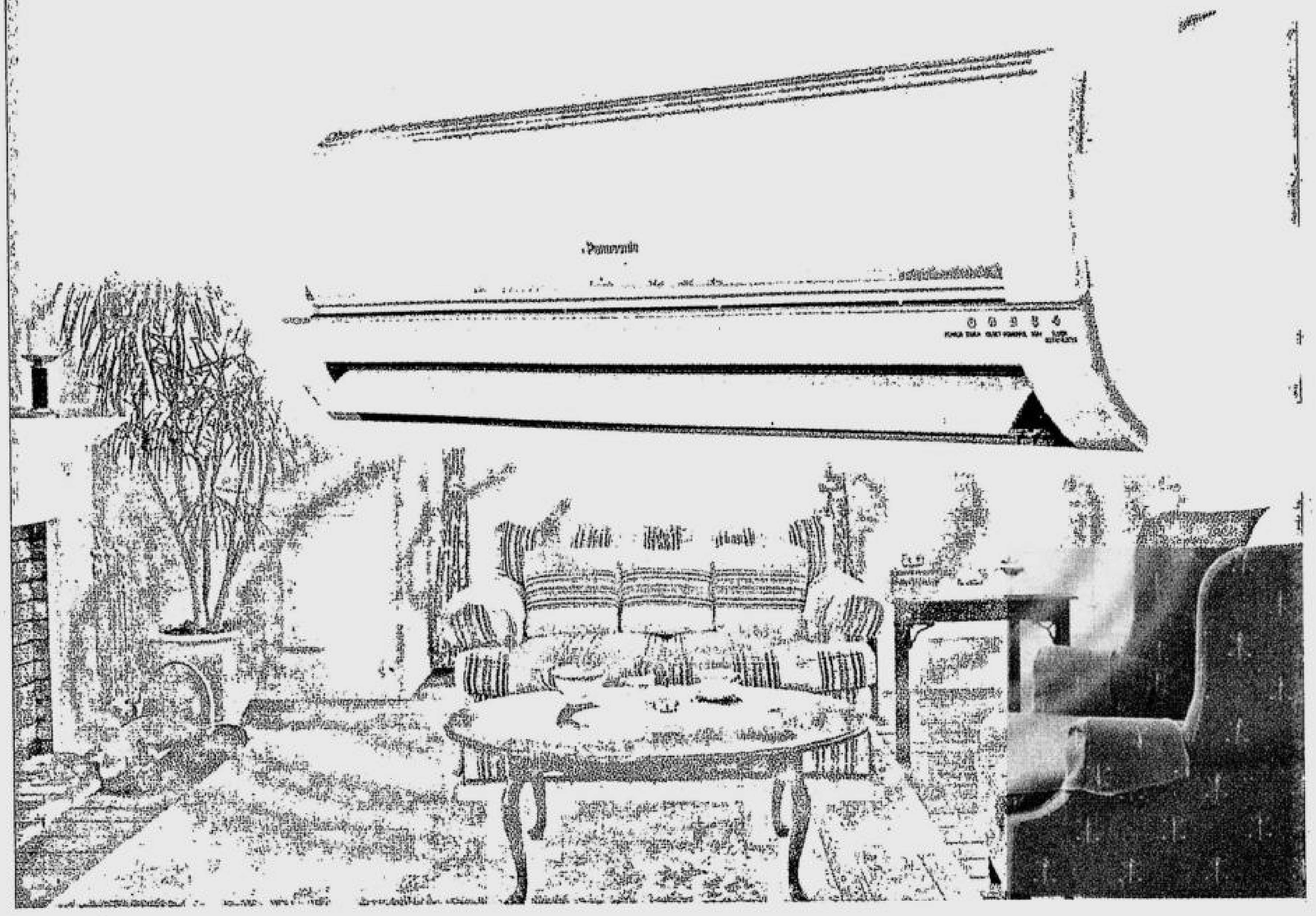

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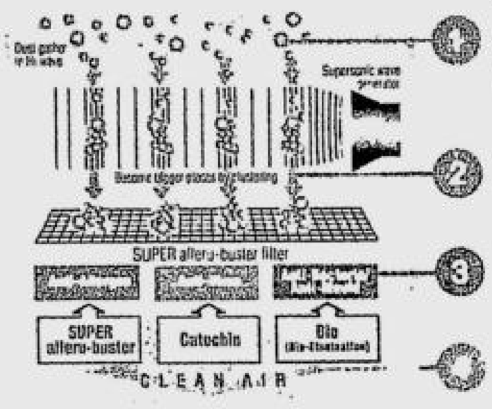
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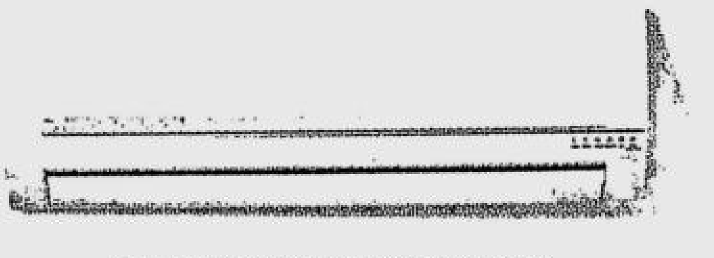

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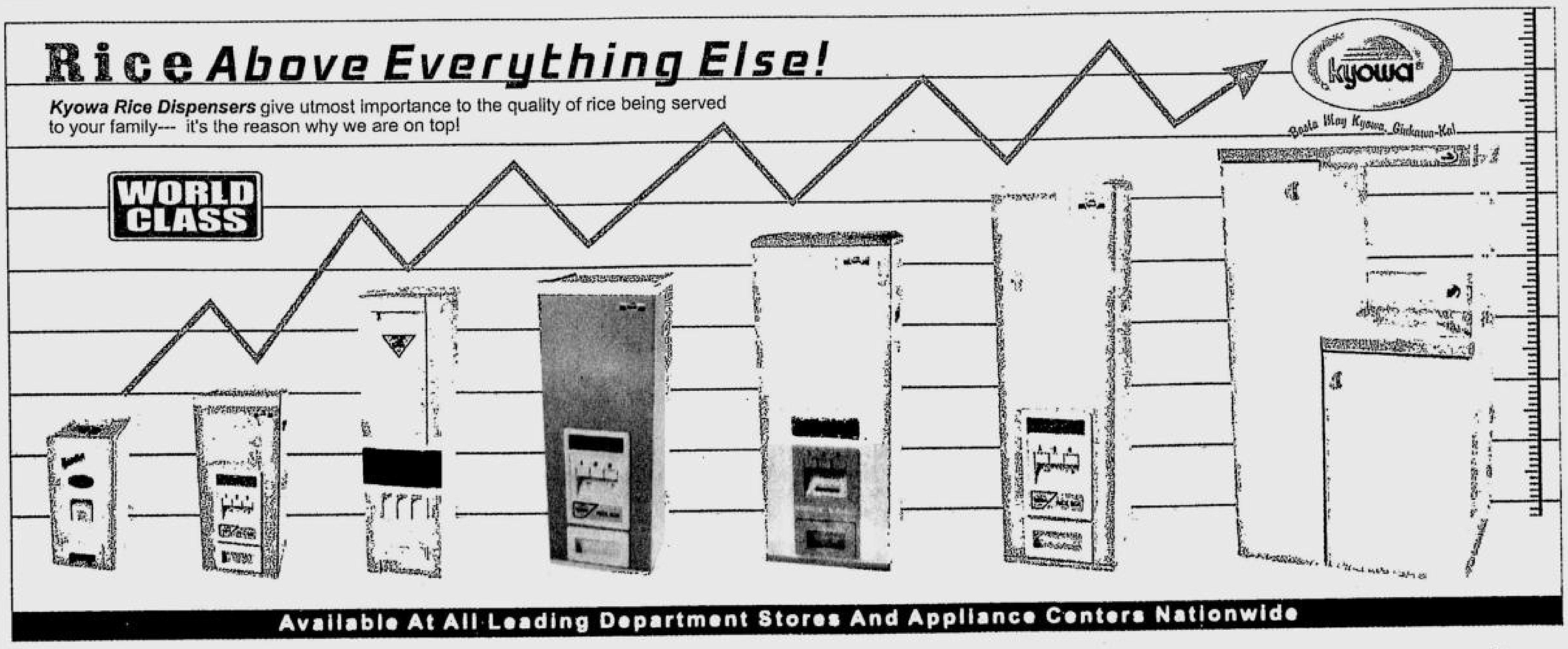

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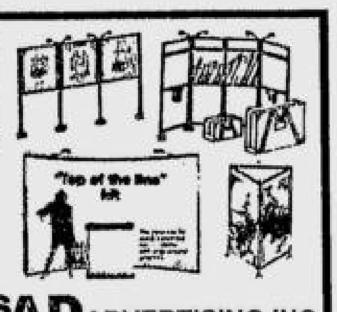
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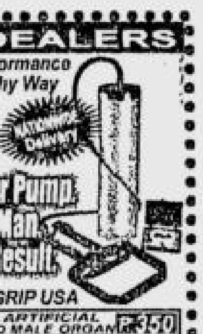

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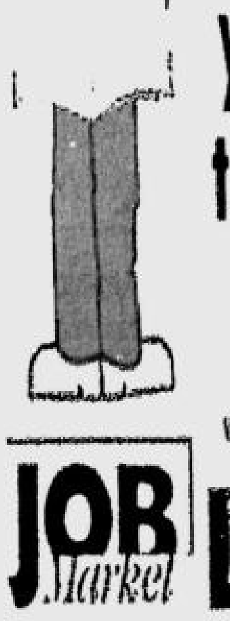

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Wanted: more judges

EDITORIAL

IT WAS Joseph Estrada, then vice president of the Republic, who popularized the term "hoodlums in robes," referring to corrupt judges and an unreliable judicial process. It was also Estrada, in his inaugural address as the country's 13th President, who asserted that most of the major crimes were committed by "hoodlums in uniforms," who were then and all too often protected by corrupt lawyers, or "hoodlums in *barong* Tagalog."

Estrada, now on trial for plunder, was wrong about one detail. By volume, uniformed officials may be responsible for most crimes of corruption; but the really big crimes are committed by public officials who don't even wear any uniform, or by successful businessmen who may not need to wear a suit at all. But without a doubt, on the issue of corruption in the judiciary, Estrada nailed it on the head.

This is not to say that, having so clearly pinpointed a major problem in governance, Estrada set out to solve it. In the long term, his main contribution to the administration of justice may well turn out to be his becoming a defendant himself—thus proving that no man is truly above the law.

And to be sure, the Supreme Court has sometimes taken decisive action, especially in the last few years. As Sen. Francis Pangilinan, the Senate's representative in the Judicial and Bar Council, reminded INQUIRER editors and reporters last week, the high court punished 56 judges for various infractions last year, and has shown no signs of stopping.

But to this day, some of the bigger regional trial courts continue to be known for their for-a-fee decisions. Many lawyers continue to complain privately about specific judges-for-rent. And much of the necessary paperwork that is coursed through the courts continues to suffer from that peculiar form of bureaucratic inertia: A document does not move until money is in close proximity.

There is no shortage of reformers among judges, and as we have noted the Supreme Court has been particularly strict in the last few years. But much more needs to be done to remove the corrupt from the judiciary.

Now here comes Pangilinan pointing out another—perhaps, even more fatal—problem. The judiciary is woefully short of judges. Out of 2,153 positions, only two-thirds, or some 1,461, are occupied. That means that one out of every three courtrooms is vacant.

On the first level of the judiciary (the metropolitan and municipal trial courts), the ratio is downright apocalyptic. Nine out of every 10 courts are vacant, Pangilinan said. As a result, "judges are made to man three to four courts."

The lack of judges adds to the problem of delay, which is perhaps, over time, the main factor that erodes public confidence in the effectiveness of the justice system. Justice delayed, we know from bitter experience, is justice denied.

But the lack also adds to the problem of corruption, which gravely undermines the people's faith in the judiciary. Money doesn't even have to be involved. A crafty lawyer knows the easiest way to "help" an overworked judge is to write his decision or, more precisely, to write a brief that, with a minimum of editing, can be released in his name. A savvy lawyer can propose a schedule that places the judge's interest ahead of the client's. In other words, a judge can be hostage to his overloaded docket, and it is helpful lawyers who pay the ransom.

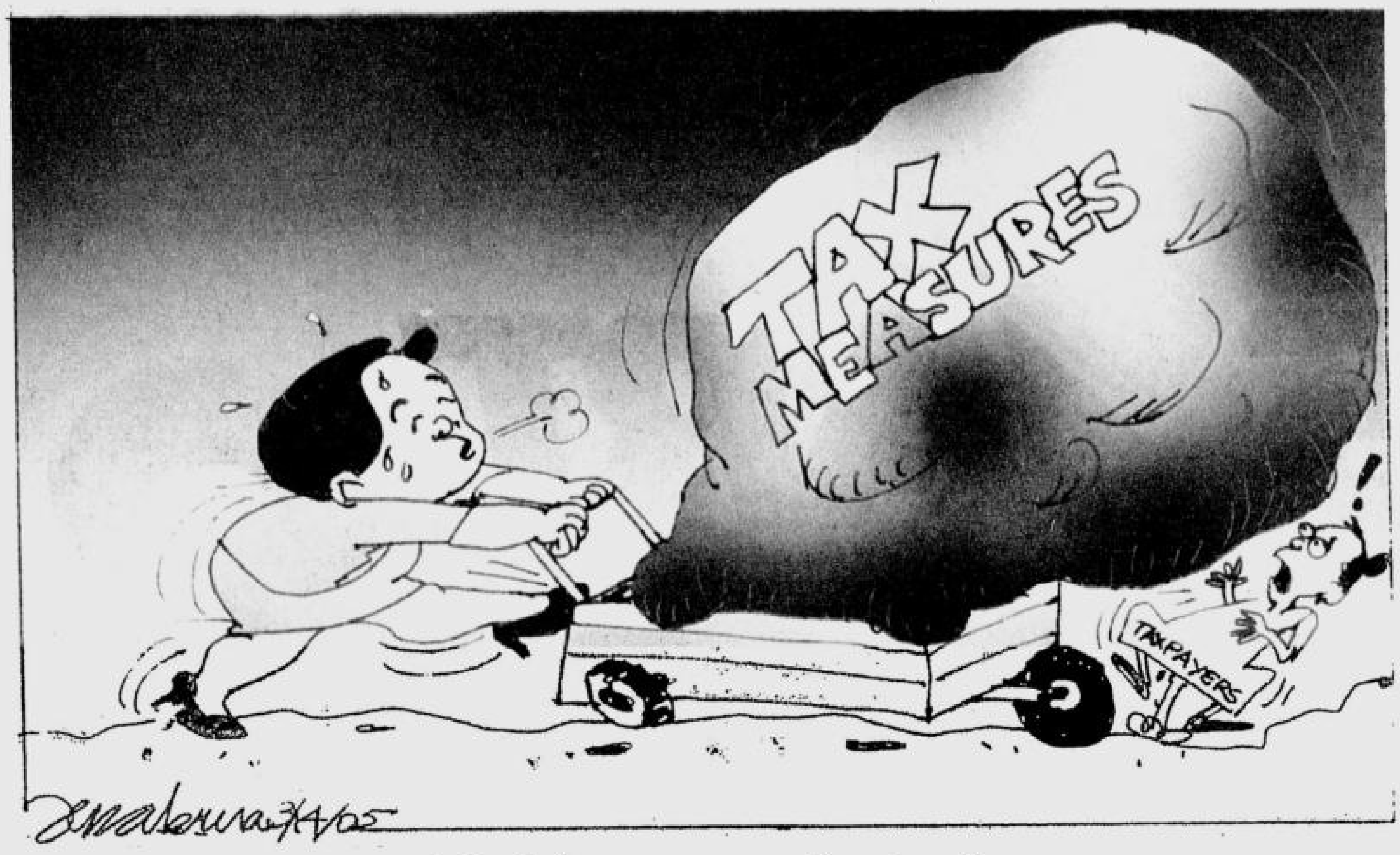
Why do we lack so many judges?

For one thing, serving as a judge who calls it straight can be risky; as recent history shows, assassination is a very real threat.

For another, the judiciary takes a very long time—as much as eight months—to fill a judicial vacancy.

For a third, judges are not paid as much as their position deserves. A new law will increase their pay by as much as a hundred percent, but full implementation won't be until three years from now.

Not least, very few study law in order to become a judge. Law students and beginning lawyers are absorbed into a culture which recognizes brilliance in successfully pursuing one side of a case, rather than appreciating both sides. They learn, very early, that the aggressiveness of paid champions is much more prized over the tact and neutrality of a lowly-paid judge. Is it any wonder they keep clear of the bench?



'Golden parachutes'

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

IT looks like many people, including officials in the Arroyo administration, do not believe that her government is going to last long. This early, they are already providing for their future, like rats deserting a sinking ship but with balls of cheese in their mouths. So many shady deals are being discovered, with tens of millions of pesos for kickbacks to the smart ones who cooked up the deals. The P593-million Minimi deal in the Department of National Defense is just one of these. The latest is the privatization of one of the functions of the Bureau of Treasury, which will provide golden parachutes to retiring government and private officials.

The administration wants to transfer the Registry of Scripless Securities from the Bureau of Treasury to a private corporation called the Philippine Depository and Trust Corp. (PDTC). The registry is a record of the loans and debt documents of the government. A private corporation will henceforth do the recording, as though the officials of the Bureau of Treasury do not know how to do such a simple thing. The corporation will collect a fee based on the amount of debt. The Philippines has a peso debt amounting to P3 trillion, so you can imagine how much the PDTC will rake in. The PDTC admitted that it would net at least half a billion a year (but I think this is a very conservative estimate), this only for registering the debt papers.

Even as it will make the shareholders of the PDTC very rich, the transfer will discourage investments in government securities and raise the country's debt burden. It will raise the cost of investing in government securities. Instead of the interest earnings going to the investors, a large part of it will go to the PDTC; instead of the government getting all that it borrowed, part of it will also go to the PDTC; thus the government will have to borrow more to finance its needs. And PDTC officials will go sailing merrily in their golden parachutes just by recording government debts.

The Constitution and pertinent laws are very clear on the functions of the Bureau of Treasury. One of them is to keep the record of government securities. But the Department of Finance and the Bangko Sentral are so hot about the transfer of the Registry of Scripless Securities to the PDTC that they fired the national treasurer, Norma Lasala, a respected banker, just four weeks after being appointed into the position for refusing to endorse the transfer. Appointed to replace her is one Omar Cruz (who he?) whose marching order is to implement the transfer.

Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr. will give more details on this deal in a privilege speech today, and he will ask Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima and Bangko Sentral Governor Rafael Buenaventura to reconsider this questionable proposal that favors a private entity at the expense of the people.

By the way, there is a common thread running through the shareholders of the PDTC: they are all alumni of the American Citibank.

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Methinks the administration is going overboard with this privatization mania. Like a drug addict, alcoholic or black sheep of a family, it is selling all the family's assets to satisfy his money needs.

Before the PDTC, the government wanted to privatize the Bureau of Internal Revenue, an idea also cooked up by American lackeys. Imagine the tax collection and part of the Bureau of Treasury, whose job is to keep the funds and keep track of government money, in the hands of private corporations whose primary motive is profit. The government also is in the process of privatizing the National Power Corp., whose job is to provide the people with a basic service, electricity. It has already privatized another basic service, the distribution of water. Next, it will privatize the Bureau of Customs.

This has been proven to be wrong, as shown by the fiasco that is Maynilad Water. The privatization of transportation in Metro Manila has also been proven to be wrong, as witness the traffic nightmare, the colorums, and the corruption. All the cities in the world with efficient transportation have systems run by the government. Not in the Philippines.

After selling Fort Bonifacio, the government now wants to sell the National Mental Hospital and Welfareville compounds, the Veterans Memorial Medical Center, and the Bilibid Prisons in Muntinlupa. It also wants to privatize the Social Security System and the Government Service Insurance System. It has already sold the Tutuban Railroad Station which it now needs for the planned North Rail and the South Rail.

It almost sold Fort Aguinaldo until they were told that they cannot because the deed of donation by the Ortigas family has a provision saying that if the government doesn't need the camp anymore, the property will revert back to the Ortigases.

It sold control of Petron and now we are reaping the whirlwind of that folly. Had Petron remained in the control of the government, it could have countered the greed and opportunism of the other oil companies. But in private hands, it is now a member of the oligopoly raising their prices at will and the government and the people are helpless to do anything.

The privatization rush is not only because the government is bankrupt and needs money. I think the other reason is that administration officials are providing themselves with golden parachutes—through generous commissions from the privatization sales—for the future, when President Macapagal-Arroyo is no longer in power and they are out of their jobs.

A mess of our making

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

RAUL Gonzalez says he cannot understand the fuss over PERC's ranking of the Philippines as the second most corrupt country in Asia. "We should just disregard that. That is a conclusion of people who are holier than thou. Even the United Nations has corruption. Even the UN secretary general is charged with corruption."

Gonzalez is the justice secretary. There and then, you see why there is no justice in this country.

So what if corruption thrives in other parts of the world, or governing bodies? It does not excuse our own. That, of course, is a favorite Filipino pastime—citing others' iniquity to exculpate ours. It isn't just Gonzalez's favorite pastime, it is most Filipino officials'. That was the argument of the generals when one of their own, Carlos Garcia, was haled to court for stealing millions of pesos from the AFP: the civilian government was far dirtier.

Well, if so, then let us prosecute the guilty civilian officials as well. Why should that excuse Garcia, or lighten his guilt? The same is true of the UN secretary: If he is corrupt—though clearly Gonzalez has a future in comedy suggesting that Kofi Annan is no better than Jose Pidal—then let the world hound him and punish him. Why should the fact that he has been charged with corruption make us forget that GMA is charged with making this country the second most corrupt in Asia?

Which is the other point: The UN has not been classified as the second most corrupt anything; the Philippines has. That suggests an epic scale of pillage. As someone quipped last week in a text message, shortly before Diosdado Macapagal took office, we were second only to Japan in economic potential. Shortly after his daughter, Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo, took office, we were second only to Indonesia in corruption. That took less than half a century to accomplish. It's the kind of joke that hurts to laugh.

But what is particularly bothersome about Gonzalez's suggestion that we just ignore the PERC findings is not its fantastic absurdity but the absurd reality that we are in fact practicing it. We are routinely ignoring corruption, great or small, but particularly great: the bigger the theft is, the more it disappears, or becomes acceptable. Outside looking in, the one astonishing thing that has happened to this country over the last decade or so is not that it has plumbed to new depths of venality but that no one seems unduly bothered by it.

No uncontrollable public outrage and a demand for an accounting have arisen over PERC's revelations. Which is the even more fundamental difference between other countries and us. It's true, public officials elsewhere have been known to be corrupt, but even truer, they at least bother to hide it and resign when they are exposed. Local crooks do not have to suffer this inconvenience. Here, you call someone corrupt, he has a good laugh and call you *inggit*, or envious. Or, like Gonzalez, call you holier than him, which my neighborhood mechanic definitely is. As the congressmen have shown—they are livid because they did not get to reinsert their prime pork cuts in a bicameral budget hearing—government has declared open season on pillage.

The only one who seems to have been vigorously incensed by the PERC findings is Jinggoy Estrada, for reasons that are as pure as driven cattle. If, as PERC shows, the Arroyo government has been no cleaner than Erap's, he asks, how come Erap is in jail and GMA is in Baguio? A good question—though that again is not an argument for freeing Erap, only for jailing GMA as well. PERC did suggest GMA has stolen less than Marcos but just as much as Erap, a function not of restraint, but simply a function of having less to steal. Indeed, that a government can steal at this scale while the country grovels in near-bankruptcy is a feat worthy of Ripley's. The image of trawlers siphoning an over-fished sea to get what's been left behind leaps to mind.

But lest we truly feel holier than thou and think GMA alone is guilty of turning this country into the second most corrupt in Asia, let's think again. Of course, she has done so, but she has done so not just through the tolerance of the most influential sectors of society but through their active collaboration. Everyone knew GMA was cheating and stealing during those elections. Everyone knew the Comelec wasn't just partisan but was engineering the elections to favor GMA. Everyone knew GMA was using taxpayers' money wholesale and the Pagcor and PCSO to campaign relentlessly—and expensively—advertising her virtues on TV well up to Election Day.

You even had political pundits predicting in smug, worldly, in-the-know tones that she would win precisely because of those things. No one thought to say that if that was so, then the point was to protest it violently. What is business complaining about today? It was the first to agree to this patent corruption because a GMA presidency, rather an FPJ one, would presumably be good for business. What is the Church complaining about? Jaime Cardinal Sin was openly plugging for GMA, in the same way Ronald Reagan was plugging for Marcos on the time-hallowed principle that "I don't mind that he's an SOB so long as he's our SOB." And what is civil society complaining about? St. Paul was stricken into enlightenment by a thunderbolt from heaven, Code-NGO was stricken blind by P1.4 billion in Peace Bonds.

What is all this saying but that our moral guardians protest corruption only when it does not benefit them? We're the second most corrupt country in Asia?

Well, I did get another text message that said Jose Pidal is contesting the idea, saying we will be second to none.

Bicam on VAT postponed

POLITICAL TIDBITS

Belinda Olivares-Cunanan

THE ADMINISTRATION is confident the VAT bill will be passed before Congress adjourns for the Holy Week recess this Friday, March 18. But from the looks of it, this won't be possible. According to sources, the Senate may pass its own VAT version by Friday, but it's doubtful if the Senate and the House would be able to reconcile their versions by that day in the bicameral conference committee. For their versions appear to differ quite significantly.

I say the Senate may pass its VAT bill, but again it may fail to pass it by Friday. For out of 10 major issues in the VAT bill, four are truly contentious, and every little percentage point of increase or decrease could be a battleground in itself. Most contentious is the proposed lifting of the VAT exemption of the independent power producers (IPPs). A discussion of every little percentage point of increase or decrease could stall the Senate deliberations.

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Think, however, of how infinitely difficult the bicam conference between the two chambers could be. The House wants a 2-percentage-point VAT increase, from 10 percent to 12 percent, and fewer tax exemptions given out. In some instances, it wants a multi-tiered increase; e.g., in the VAT on VAT-exempt IPPs (which it wants to slap with an initial 4 percent VAT). The Senate, on the other hand, wants to maintain the old 10-percent VAT, but with more exemptions lifted. In the IPP case, it wants an immediate 10 percent VAT. With all the differences comes the horse-trading in the bicam conference, which means time is needed to reach a resolution. Given such situation, sources say the senators feel that a bicam conference on the VAT cannot be held until after the Inter-Parliamentary Union conference that's being hosted by Congress in Manila from March 28 to April 3. I can see the point.

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The bicam conference will surely be a battleground. For instance, members of both chambers are talking about varying amounts of taxes to be leveled at the IPPs which gross about P200 billion to P220 billion a year. "VAT-ing" them 10 percent, as the Senate wants, would generate about P22 billion. That's a lot, considering that the IPPs have been VAT exempt from their inception. There's concern in Congress that this P22-billion VAT would merely be passed on by the IPPs to the consumers, resulting in much higher electricity costs. So a "No Pass On" provision was inserted in the House version, principally by Deputy Speaker Raul del Mar, prohibiting the IPPs from passing on this new tax to anyone, not even the National Power Corp.

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One of two rather onerous provisions in Napocor's contracts with the IPPs mandates the state-firm to shoulder any taxes slapped on the IPPs. But the "No Pass On" provision will not allow this, although anyone can see that this can be disguised in many ways. The senators are now disposed to adopt this House initiative to protect the consumers. By the way, the other so-called onerous provision in the IPP contracts provides that the consumers pay for all the power generated by the IPPs, even if not used by the consumers. I've thought about how we now regard these two provisions as "onerous." But back when the country was in a power crisis, I think the Ramos administration was ready to agree to just about any provision if only to get the power producers to solve this problem. I suspect that the Ramos administration was confident that all the power was going to be used up by the foreign direct investments (FDIs) coming in at that time at record numbers since Edsa I. But then the Asian crisis hit the region, the Erap administration took over, destroying the confidence of the foreign investors. A surplus in the power supply ensued.

But if the IPPs are going to be taxed, some senators now argue, so must the oil companies, which gross about P300 billion a year—also subject to a "No Pass On" provision, to protect the consumers.

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The nine hearings on the VAT bill held by the Senate ways and means committee headed by Sen. Ralph Recto, were faithfully attended by three other senators: Joker Arroyo, Serge Osmeña and Juan Ponce Enrile. Recto and Arroyo noted that among the 15 groups that attended the hearings regularly, Consumer Watch chair and industrialist Raul Concepcion was the only individual who assiduously showed up at all the hearings, each of which lasted from two to two and a half hours. Arroyo said that Concepcion came to the hearings well prepared and was always on the side of the consumers. He also said that Concepcion kept track of the House hearings, and would inform the senators on the House position on issues, which they found quite useful. Arroyo also stressed that the Consumer Watch chair maintained an open mind and would alter or even change his position on an aspect, depending on what he learned. This was evident in the ads his group regularly published on the hearings. Arroyo suspects that the turning point for Concepcion was the fourth hearing, when the matter of how to protect consumer interest became clear to him.

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Hearing Arroyo praise Concepcion to high heavens elicited a smile from me. I distinctly remember how they fought bitterly over an issue (I can't recall now) during the Cory administration, when Arroyo was executive secretary. But God must have wanted them to iron it out, for soon after that they ended up side by side at a Mass at the Sanctuario de San Antonio Church. During the "Peace be with you" part, they ended up giving the Pax sign. Now they are good friends.

Does age matter in our expanding world?

HIGH BLOOD

Grace Q. Estano

WE'D also like to know the concerns of the sixtysomething and above, what makes their blood pressure rise or makes them sit back, content that all's well with their world and with themselves. —**Ed.**

IF life truly begins at 40, then I should be about the same age as my 27-year-old son. In fact, I feel like I had not gone beyond 20 years old. My secret? I don't take myself too seriously. (I don't take myself for granted either.) Except when I think I am coming down with a cough or the flu. Then I go stark bonkers.

I treat ailments the way I used to treat grisly suitors. I give them the cold shoulder or the brush-off. And if they plod on? Then I deal them the Big E (elbow or shove). In these difficult times, it is almost a sin to be sick.

I believe that age is a state of mind. Sometimes, friends tell me that I don't look at all like a senior citizen. Huh? But I can never be sure if they're just being facetious.

Senior citizenship is a great time. Relieved of the onus of raising small kids and fighting for a better place in the sun, I can now sleep, play, pray and say all I want. Now, too, I have time to smell the roses and pursue some hobby.

I am not obsessed about youth or good looks, although I like smelling, feeling and looking good. I don't fret over wrinkles, fat or liver spots (all tokens of old age). All this fuss about tucking, lifting, stretching, reducing and enhancing is plain vanity. I'd rather spend my time and energy on meaningful and productive endeavors.

I don't say die just because I'm old. Moses was 80 when he became the leader of his people. Grandma Moses, a.k.a. Anna Mary Robertson became a painter at 76. I became a writer at 52. And I'm not even a college graduate. Hey, I'm not advocating illiteracy here.

Writing is something I had always wanted to do and not just lucked into. I don't believe in luck. And to hone this craft, I try to absorb as much knowledge and information through continuous reading and writing. I think writing is a talent only some of us have been blessed with. To waste it would be an insult to the One who bestowed it. I will go on writing as long as there are stories to tell, and my brain flows with the creative juices.

When I started writing in 1991, I did all my articles on a manual typewriter. And I submitted them personally to the publishers. I would brave sun, rain and dust, just to be able to meet deadlines. Sometimes, I would encounter nasty dogs along the way. And I could only bite my tongue and ask the high heavens for protection. But it was not only dogs that were nasty. I did encounter insensitive interviewees. Like that girl scout master who did not show up. And she didn't even have the courtesy to notify my office about the change of plan. Oh, well.

But I did have some light moments, too. Like the time I had to wrestle with my instamatic camera, to cover an event for my magazine. And the thing won't work. And there was this nice young fellow (I learned later that he was a student journalist from De La Salle University) who came to my rescue. After which everything was a breeze, until he told me to "just stick with me granny and I assure you, you'll get the best photos. By the way, which one is your grandson?"

What could be worse than to be in the interviewee's office and only then discover that your camera has no film and your tape recorder has no batteries? I tell you it's so embarrassing. And then you'd have to have a photographic memory to remember all that had been said. Then you sit by your typewriter and you have to rack your brain trying to remember some information that you could hardly read on your notepad. So embarrassing also turns into so frustrating!

Times have changed since 1991. Today, writers send their articles via electronic mail or e-mail. I must confess, I'm not computer savvy. I had a very tough time acquainting myself with the PC (personal computer; in the past, I took this to mean Philippine Constabulary). Hi-tech terms like virus, bytes, mouse, really boggled my brain. Until then, "virus" meant to me only as "germ." In computer lingo, virus is an acronym for vital information under siege. Until then, the only mouse was the one that gnaws at infants' toes and cheese. Of course, biting was and still is an absolute no-no, unless you are Mike Tyson. Only dogs bite, although these days, computers have "bytes." I still have so much to learn to be at par with my younger counterparts. This makes this business of writing more challenging, and I just love challenges.

After my first novel was serialized in Mod Magazine in 1998, I could hardly wait to write a second, third or even fourth novel.

It's fun to watch the parade on the curb, but it's more fun to be in the midst of the circus. I am not afraid to try new things. Like having my own newspaper column. Now don't give me that look. That is no vain boast. I was granted this wish by a relatively new publication last year. Then all of a sudden, we were informed that the paper planned to reformat and I found myself "rolling the mat" as well.

Heights don't scare me. I always aim high and hit high. I reach for the moon; even if I fall, at least I will be among the stars. Get my drift?

The period of lying fallow too long had come to an end.

After more than half a century of obscurity, I have found my niche in this ever-expanding world. And it's great! I'm enjoying every minute of it.

Grace Q. Estano, is a freelance writer who has contributed articles to Mod, WHC, Chic, Aglow and Light Touch magazines. She says that at 66 she's having a grand time feeling young.

Revise the Penal Code

THE LONG VIEW

Manuel L. Quezon III

AS I've pointed out in the past, the Revised Penal Code is a colonial document, one dating back to the period before the country's enjoying full autonomy as a Commonwealth. Originally enacted in 1930 with no end to American sovereignty in sight, the Code has been amended numerous times. The anachronistic nature of the law, as amended, is shown by repeated references to the United States as part and parcel of the governing authority of the Philippines. A law enacted in colonial times is, in itself, not necessarily a bad thing. But when a law remains firmly rooted in a period during which laws were formulated to protect and maintain foreign hegemony (as is the case of our Revised Penal Code), that law surely is a bad thing. A fundamental contradiction exists between the provisions of the law (to enforce colonial control in a subject country) and the guiding principles of the sovereign nation that has emerged from colonial rule. The best example of this is how British colonial laws are used by former colonies such as Singapore and Malaysia to enforce draconian measures against free speech, assembly and other avenues of legitimate dissent against the state.

Beyond the need to purge the Penal Code of its colonial underpinnings, there is the need to continue refreshing the law to make it applicable to present-day conditions. In light of recent developments, the inability of the law to stay relevant to current needs is shown by the absence of any definition of terrorism, and provisions for punishing those who engage in terrorist acts.

Rebellion, insurrection, coups d'etat, or the conspiracy to commit those crimes, as well as sedition, are punishable under the provisions (Articles 134 to 142) of the Penal Code. Each of these offenses is defined. For example, rebellion or insurrection are defined as a crime "committed by rising publicly and taking arms against the Government for the purpose of removing from the allegiance to said Government or its laws, the territory of the Philippine Islands or any part thereof, of any body of land, naval or other armed forces, depriving the Chief Executive or the Legislature, wholly or partially, of any of their powers or prerogatives."

Sedition, meanwhile, is defined as a crime "committed by persons who rise publicly and tumultuously in order to attain by force, intimidation, or by other means outside of legal methods, any of the following objectives:

"1. To prevent the promulgation or execution of any law or the holding of any popular election;

"2. To prevent the National Government, or any provincial or municipal government or any public officer thereof from freely exercising its or his functions, or prevent the execution of any administrative order;

"3. To inflict any act of hate or revenge upon the person or property of any public officer or employee;

"4. To commit, for any political or social end, any act of hate or revenge against private persons or any social class; and

"5. To despoil, for any political or social end, any person, municipality or province, or the National Government (or the Government of the United States), of all its property or any part thereof."

Of particular interest to writers, TV and radio anchors, and commentators is the provision on inciting to sedition (Art. 142) which states that punishment will be "imposed upon any person who, without taking any direct part in the crime of sedition, should incite others to the accomplishment of any of the acts which constitute sedition, by means of speeches, proclamations, writings, emblems, cartoons, banners, or other representations tending to the same end, or upon any person or persons who shall utter seditious words or speeches, write, publish, or circulate scurrilous libels against the Government (of the United States or the Government of the Commonwealth) of the Philippines, or any of the duly constituted authorities thereof, or which tend to disturb or obstruct any lawful officer in executing the functions of his office, or which tend to instigate others to cabal and meet together for unlawful purposes, or which suggest or incite rebellious conspiracies or riots, or which lead or tend to stir up the people against the lawful authorities or to disturb the peace of the community, the safety and order of the Government, or who shall knowingly conceal such evil practices."

It is clear that the law is strict and that it remains fully valid since no challenge to its provisions has prospered in the courts. This means every law-abiding citizen and official has the duty to enforce these provisions. (Since every man has free will and the chance to act according to his conscience, he has every right to go against the law, but clearly this entails the risk of suffering the harsh penalties provided by it.) Obviously laws are liable to interpretation; and the more they have to be twisted to apply to conditions unimaginable at the time the law was written, the more likely injustice will be committed. The fundamental defect of the Revised Penal Code, for example, is that terrorism, as a method and a crime, simply isn't covered. A fruitful objective, then, for those worried about civil liberties and government abuse, is to lobby for the systematic overhaul of the Code.

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Child innocence

PHOTOS of children never fail to attract attention. No matter how old a person may be, there is the child in him or her that reaches out for recognition.

The March 9 issue of the INQUIRER (Page A20) carried the picture of two children, a boy and a girl who looked like 7-year-olds or younger, seated across each other on a bamboo raft floating on a river.

READERS' ADVOCATE

Raul J. Palabrica

Since the boy did not have any clothes on, his private parts were visible. The girl was in a similar state of undress, except for a piece of clothing that looked like a polo shirt draped over her shoulder in such a way that it covered her front.

The photo caption read: "Relief from heat. Residents living in communities along the Cagayan de Oro River find comfort in the river's water as the El Niño dries up farms and raises temperature in the city."

The moment I saw the picture I knew I was going to hear from some readers about the propriety of its publication. Every time the newspaper comes out with photos of children in what may be considered "controversial" poses, the reaction from the INQUIRER's corps of unpaid proofreaders is swift. The river photo was no exception.

A reader described the photo as "in bad taste and exploitative as the intention was clearly to attract the reader's attention at the expense of the two innocent children."

Another reader, who described herself as a mother of two kids who are of the same age as the subjects of the photo, said the "photo has the same effect on our image as a people in the same way that the Smokey Mountain pictures that were published worldwide several years ago gave a very bad image of our country."

Contrasting views

I got contrasting views on whether the river photo met the INQUIRER's standards on decency and respect for privacy. The "liberals" saw nothing wrong with it as it simply showed how life is in the rural areas during summer—the children play in the river in naked splendor.

At that young age, malice hardly enters the children's minds when they see each other's undressed bodies. There is nothing in the photo that would give the impression that the children's bodies were being exhibited to satisfy any objective other than to show the reality of provincial life when the temperature goes up.

On the other hand, the "conservatives" think the question of propriety could have been avoided had the photo been taken from a distance rather than from a close-up; the theme of the picture ("relief from heat") would have been better illustrated if a larger portion of the river was shown instead of focusing on the two children.

The INQUIRER's Manual of Editorial Policies does not have a specific provision on the handling of photos involving children.

The policy closest to that subject matter states that "if the photo of a nude woman or man has to be published because it is essential to an accompanying story, crop the photo to avoid showing the breasts (of the woman) and the private parts or else have the staff artist black them out. In any case, the decision to publish a photo of a nude woman/man (or nude women/men) should be made by the two highest-ranking editors."

The policy's reference to "woman" and "man" is generic; it does not take into account the age of the person involved. Thus, young or old, the question of whether the private parts of the photo subject should be shown or blacked out depends on its relevance to the news that the photo is supposed to accompany or illustrate.

Propriety

I have some reservations about the use of the photo in question. By way of premise, I think the two children are as much entitled to their right to privacy as the adults. They are definitely not "public figures" whose pictures can be taken and published even without their permission if they are seen doing anything that may be considered a matter of public interest.

The two children were engaged in an activity that hardly qualifies as newsworthy as to justify having their naked bodies photographed for the public to see. And this public includes pedophiles of the local and foreign varieties that, unfortunately, seem to have proliferated in our society lately.

For now, the photo subjects can be considered non-entities or undistinguishable members of a family that live in one of the communities that line the Cagayan de Oro River.

Who knows, 20 or 30 years from now, one or both of them would grow up to be geniuses or honest public officials? I seriously doubt if they will like the idea of being reminded or teased about that unflattering photo. And even if they remain ordinary citizens, I do not think they will take lightly the violation of their youthful innocence.

From the looks of it, the consent of the children's parents or guardians was not secured before the photo was taken. I have a feeling that if they see the photo, they will feel uncomfortable with the way their children were used to illustrate the coming of summer in our country.

In my opinion, the objective behind the publication of the photo could have been achieved without infringing on the subjects' right to privacy, either by "pixelizing" their private parts or by taking the photo from a distance such that those parts cannot be seen distinctly by the readers.

If any of the readers have a different opinion on this matter, I will be glad to hear from them.

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"Memory is frail and and evanescent. What we hold precious today fades with each tomorrow. What we say now is soon forgotten. But what is written lives on for generations to come."

—Celia Diaz-Laurel who wrote a book about her husband, former Vice President Salvador Laurel

Bored

"*Chika lang 'yan*. But I'm now bored with the opposition. There's no more direction."

—Rep. Imee Marcos on her statement criticizing the United Opposition

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Spending too much public funds on 'negatives'

AT THE RATE we are spending public funds on negative governance issues and national insecurity, it won't be long till we are back to the Dark Ages where repression and ignorance will become the ruling monsters.

The scarce government resources are allocated and used to bankroll (1) debt payments (50 percent); (2) anti-terrorism; (3) anti-corruption; (4) anti-drugs; (5) anti-kidnapping; (6) anti-carnapping; (7) anti-gambling; (8) anti-smuggling (9) anti-insurgency; (10) anti-pollution, etc. For all these, we create new offices and recruit officials with high salaries and lavish perks, bloating government bureaucracy and expenses further. Very often, we end up with the problem of watching the watchdogs.

Instead of creating more offices and special bodies for every specific governance problem, why not improve and strengthen the existing government institutions and raise the salaries and productive capacity of their employees? The government is now top heavy with too many secretaries, undersecretaries, assistant secretaries, czars and directors-general holding high-paying positions and performing functions that quite often can be done by clerks. The politics of accommodation should not inflict this much harm on the Filipino people.

For a developing and war-torn economy like ours, the only valid war we should wage relentlessly is the one against poverty. Which means channeling more tax money to development and basic services. As a peace measure, nothing can beat this approach. Pouring resources on the negative aspects of governance only institutionalizes their existence and adds to the fiscal burden of the people. Besides, it does not improve the country's image because it only emphasizes the weak points of our culture (e.g., the P40-million pink urinals).

If the Arroyo administration is serious about improving governance and saving money for development, it should re-examine its priorities.

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Not a family of illegal loggers

MY family and I had to endure a most painful experience when media painted us as "big-time illegal logging protectors and financiers," mainly on the basis of the unverified statements of Environment Secretary Michael Defensor and his "intelligence sources," most of whom are my political foes.

After failing to give the names of the real illegal loggers within the 30-day period given by the President, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources and its Anti-Illegal Logging Task Force had to come up with scapegoats, never mind if people's reputations were destroyed.

May I remind Defensor that the corruption in logging depends largely on the DENR's personnel, some of whom protect the logging interests, or at times, finance them, or are the ones who sign the logging permits, such as the Private Land Timber Permit, which becomes the legal front for cutting trees in virgin forests.

I demand that Defensor acknowledge his mistake and clear our names in a public apology to our family. I vehemently deny the charges and lies peddled by my political enemies to the media. To prove my innocence, I am providing the INQUIRER copies of pertinent evidence which I have submitted to the DENR officials last month (to this day they have not acknowledged receipt of the documents), to show that I am not an illegal logger or a protector of illegal loggers.

1. My latest Statement of Assets and Liabilities (SAL).
2. Official communications between my LGU and DENR-related agencies which should show that I am not protecting illegal logging in my town.
3. Transport Permits (TPs) issued by my political detractors during their term of office from July 2001-June 2004. (Issuance of TPs is the exclusive domain of the DENR, not the LGU, hence, it is patently illegal to tolerate such usurpation of authority.)
4. Letters and duly passed resolutions of support attesting to my innocence.

Likewise, I urge the INQUIRER to assist us in our resolve to unmask the real illegal loggers who have caused great harm to our environment and people.

—HERNANDO P. AVELLANEDA SR.,
mayor, Municipality of
General Nakar, Quezon

Misstep

THIS is in reference to the comment of the late Estelita Juco, "The Americans came to late." (PDI, 2/14/ 05)

Let me put the issue in another perspective for the sake of discussion: "We should not have come at all." In 1902, Theodore Roosevelt made this remark before the US Congress. "We should grant independence to the Philippines immediately or they will become the stepchild of the United States for generations."

When the tides of fortune in World War II turned in favor of the Americans and they were well on their way to conquering Japan, Adm. Chester Nimitz, commander of the US Navy, advised Washington to "bypass" the Philippines as it would be a waste of manpower and time.

However, Gen. Douglas MacArthur lobbied Washington for a "return" to the Philippines. MacArthur got his wish only because of the influence of the old comrades of his father, his mother's wealth, among other things. So, the Philippines was "liberated" before Japan surrendered.

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A rogue state

AS the biggest polluter in the world, the United States has opted out of the Kyoto Protocol, the international pact that requires signatory states to introduce regulations for the reduction of global pollution. This, in the face of global warming that threatens the world's ecology and poses greater disasters for human, animal and plant life.

The United States has also refused to sign the United Nations convention on the establishment of an International Criminal Court to try and punish individuals, including military men, for torture and other crimes against humanity. This, in the face of the unscrupulous use of torture by American soldiers on terrorist-suspects detained without trial in Iraq, Afghanistan, Guantanamo, among others.

The United States has invaded Iraq in violation of international law. It continues to maintain occupation forces in that unhappy land, where thousands have been killed and are still being killed and injured in combat and other forms of violence; where homes are no longer respected as sanctuaries; where the dignity of men and women and the safety of children are violated; and where towns and cities are destroyed to wipe out justified resistance to foreign rule.

The United States threatens Iran and North Korea for developing atomic power, even for peaceful purposes, when it holds the mightiest arsenal of atomic weaponry and is the only state that has dropped atomic bombs on two cities, killing more than 200,000 people. It dropped millions of tons of bombs and killed a million people in Vietnam, which had never dropped a single bomb on or fired a single shot at an American home.

US President George W. Bush preaches "democracy" and "freedom" but never speaks a word against poverty that is killing millions in developing countries all over the world. So which is the rogue state?

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Gov't bans child labor in T'boli mines

KORONADAL CITY—Children working, voluntarily or forcibly, in mining sites in the hinterlands of T'boli, South Cotabato would soon find themselves back to school.

This after Social Welfare Secretary Corazon Soliman ordered an immediate end to the widespread practice of employing children in mining operations in the province.

In her visit to T'boli's Barangay Kematu, one of the mining areas in the town, Soliman saw how several mining operators violated the rights of the children by employing them.

If the practice continued, Soliman warned, mining operators, and even the parents, would have to face the law for using children.

"We have to focus on the plight of these children—mostly from indigenous people communities and send them back to school," Soliman said.

Data from the Social Welfare Office in Southwestern Mindanao (formerly called Central Mindanao) showed that at least 55 minors, aged 13 to 18 years old, are involved in the illegal operation of sluice (Banlas) mining.

Sluice mining involves the process where miners move the soil for easier extraction of gold particles. Miners would pour large volumes of water into the soil until it washes down to box-type diggings called sluice boxes. The boxes have screens that separate the fine gold particles from the soil. The accumulated gold particles are placed in a container and panned using mercury.

Social worker Ismael Ngitngit said the operation has posed a great danger to the health of the children, especially because they are exposed to unmonitored quantity of mercury.

"We are very alarmed by their operations because of the use of mercury," Ngitngit said, adding that the miners discharge their wastes to the rivers that ultimately flow down to the rivers of nearby Norallah and Banga towns, also in South Cotabato.

The provincial government has already ordered a halt into the illegal mining operations.

At least P7 million has been allotted for a livelihood program for the villages affected by the government's stoppage of Banlas mining. *Jeffrey Tupas, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Workers to wear black ribbons vs new taxes

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Some 100,000 government workers in Central Luzon will wear black ribbons and armbands starting today to prepare for Wednesday's national day of protest against new taxes, a leader of the Public Sector Employees Forum said.

Fabian Hallig, PSEF coordinator, said members of the Central Luzon chapters of the Alliance of Concerned Teachers, Confederation for Unity, Recognition and Advancement of Government Employees (Courage), Alliance of Health Workers and other groups of government employees in the region would participate in the protest.

Hallig said the groups would also raise objections against the "unjustified increase" in toll rates at the North Luzon Expressway and the imposition of more taxes.

"Over the last four years, the government has turned a deaf ear to our demand for salary increases and has left us at the mercy of skyrocketing prices of oil, basic commodities and water and electricity rates. Now, it is killing us and the majority of the poor people little by little through the unwarranted imposition of additional tax burdens," he said in a statement.

Aside from the black ribbons and armbands, he said government employees would hang placards and streamers and hold a noise barrage and assembly from noon to 1 p.m. today.

"We have reached the limits of our endurance," Hallig said. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

NUJP scores threats on Laguna media

CALAMBA CITY—The National Union of Journalists in the Philippines (NUJP) on Saturday raised concern over death threats received by two staff members of a community newspaper based in San Pablo City.

"We urge the San Pablo authorities to investigate the threats against [Dodie Banzuela and Iring Maranan] which the journalists brought to the attention of the police," the NUJP said in a statement.

Banzuela, associate publisher of Deretso Balita, and Maranan, columnist, started getting the death threats after they wrote a series of articles on alleged corruption committed by government officials in San Pablo City, said the NUJP.

NUJP secretary general Carlos Conde said the threats intensified after the two journalists themselves filed a graft case against Mayor Vic Amante, Vice Mayor Larry Vidal and 12 other officials, including eight city councilors, on Jan. 5.

Conde, who attended the election of NUJP's Laguna chapter officers here, said the threats were a clear example of how unscrupulous officials curtailed press freedom, in particular, and transparency in governance as a whole.

The case stemmed from a supposed anomalous land deal in which Amante and his co-accused bought three hectare of land as the proposed site for a sports complex worth P25.6 million in Barangay San Jose in San Pablo last December.

Banzuela said Amante seemed to be in a hurry to acquire the property which, he said, was not covered by any land title.

He said he had received warnings through text messages even before they filed the case. The last came in Feb. 20, which read: "Maybe a bullet will silence you if you do not stop from writing."

Banzuela said the threats "were absolutely meant to stop me and Maranan from pursuing the graft case and investigating other anomalous deals of the city officials."

"But we're not cowed by the threats. It only proved that there was really something fishy in the land purchase," he told the INQUIRER.

Conde, however, maintained that journalists should keep themselves from being involved in sensitive issues they cover, such as filing cases against erring public officials.

He said Banzuela's action only proved the "failure of government institutions to implement effective mechanisms for checks and balances."

"We must point out that many of the Filipino journalists killed over the years had been actively exposing corruption in government. Some of them had actually filed cases against officials," the NUJP said, adding: ". . . the government's failure to protect journalists and prosecute the killers of many of them will result in a press that is too intimidated to expose corruption." *Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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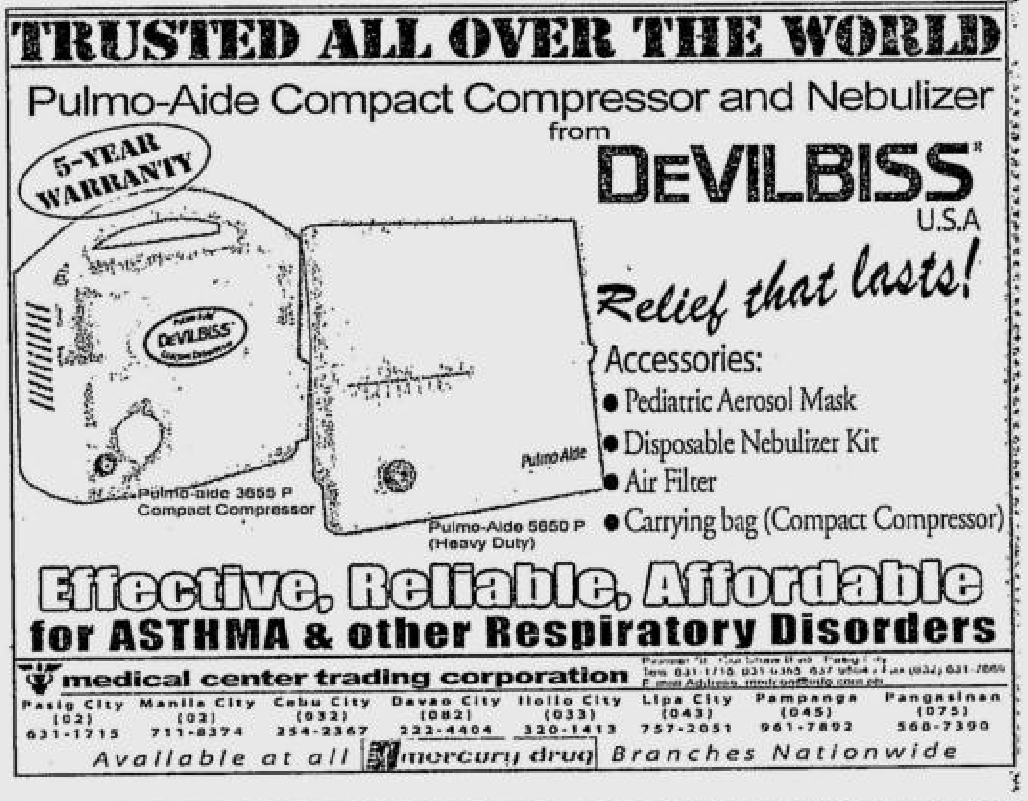
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Palawan folk oppose wildlife sanctuary plan

PUERTO PRINCESA CITY—Residents of Sitio Manaburi, a small fishing village in Barangay Bahile in this city, are opposing plans to establish a 700-hectare wildlife sanctuary, saying it encroaches on their area.

They said they had already drafted a letter to Environment Secretary Michael Defensor protesting their relocation.

They have also sought the help of local media to stop what they called an abrupt resolution of the city council to convert the area into a sanctuary.

Jovelyn Espinosa, one of the residents, said Councilors Henry Gadiano and Feliberto Oliveros III, committee on environment and natural resources chair, along with several city legal office personnel, met with them on Feb. 7 to discuss their possible relocation.

Espinosa said they were given two months to leave Manaburi. "They said they will release giraffe and elephants," she said.

Carlito Espinosa, a *purok* president, said residents of Sitio Tarunayan, another area that will be affected by the project, already gave their consent because Mayor Edward Hagedorn had already given each of them financial assistance.

He added that the people were not consulted on the plan before the council approved the resolution endorsing the sanctuary.

But Oliveros said the council held a series of consultations before they acted on the resolution to declare the area a wildlife sanctuary on Feb. 8.

The council members also authorized Hagedorn to use any available funds for the survey of the area declared a wildlife sanctuary.

The resolution said the project aimed at protecting public domain situated in Tarunayan against any form of exploitation or similar activities that could cause ecological imbalance.

Oliveros added that the property was public land so the residents had no right to stay there.

"It is for their own good," he said, "because the relocation site is more accessible."

The city government will provide housing and financial assistance to the displaced residents.

Rogelio Olano Sr., the deputized personnel of the Philippine Commission on Urban Poor in Palawan, said that if the city planned to create a sanctuary for tourism, the council should have called the residents for a public consultation to discuss the matter thoroughly.

Oliveros said he went to Barangay Bahile, a two-hour ride from the city's poblacion, to hold the public consultation.

The meeting was attended by more than 100 people, the councilor said. Some voiced out their opposition and the officials took their view into consideration, he said.

A proposed ordinance creating the sanctuary is pending review by Oliveros' committee.

According to residents of Manaburi, most of them came from Isla Rita, an island facing the Ulugan Bay Peninsula which is owned by the Hagedorn family.

Inocencio Magallanes, Haribon Foundation executive director, said that under the National Integrated Protected Areas (Nipas) Law, a step-by-step process had to be followed before a place is declared a wildlife sanctuary.

Public consultation is a must in the process, Magallanes said.

If the city is really bent on pursuing the sanctuary project, he said, the possibility of coexistence between humans and animals could be considered. *Jofelle Tesorio, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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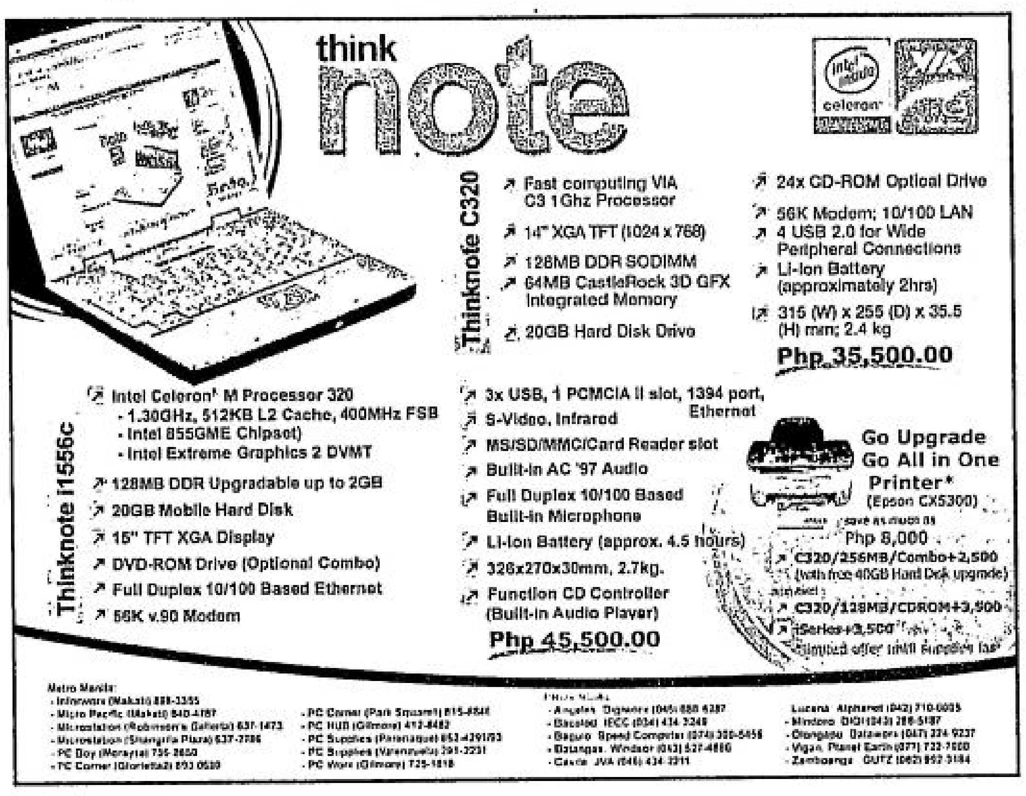

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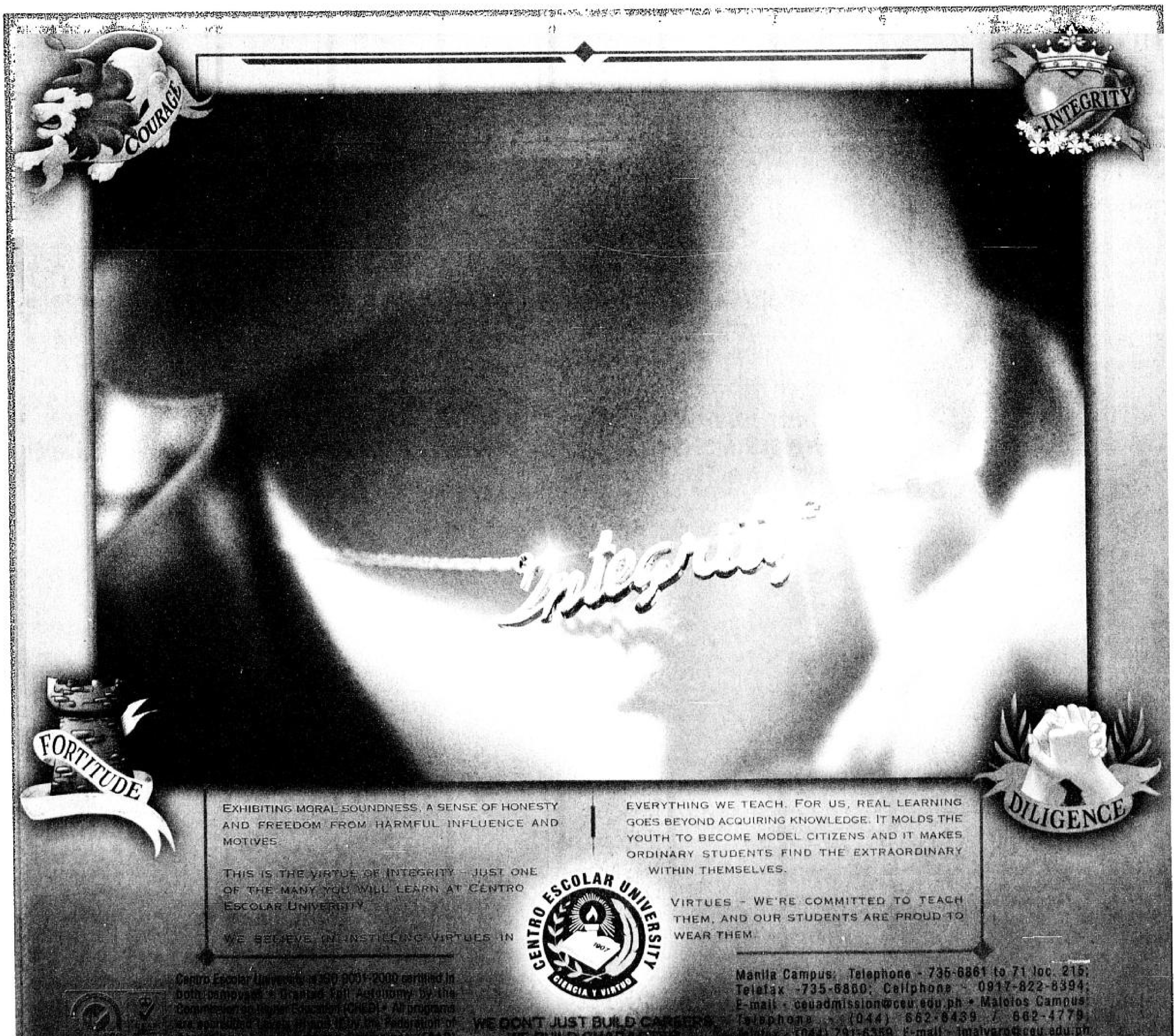

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Probe of teachers' contributions urged

COTABATO CITY—Public schoolteachers in the Autonomous Region in Muslim Mindanao are not only beset with unremitted premiums and contributions with the Government Service Insurance System but also with other financial institutions, party-list Rep. Mario Aguja (Akbayan) said.

"Our teachers have also problems with nonremittance of contributions and premiums to Pag-Ibig, private insurance firms and the PPSTA (Philippine Public School Teachers Association)," Aguja said.

Aguja is one of the authors of a House resolution calling for an investigation, in aid of legislation, of the failure of the ARMM's Department of Education to remit premiums and contributions of the teachers since 1997.

As a result, thousands of teachers could not avail themselves of GSIS loan privileges and other benefits. "We are also looking into the issue of Pag-Ibig, PPSTA and private insurance firms, among others," Aguja said in a radio interview.

"I was also informed that DepEd-ARMM issued pay checks to our teachers that bounced . . . I think it was in December last year," he said.

Efforts to reach DepEd-ARMM officials and Gov. Parouk Hussin, the regional secretary in concurrent capacity, for reactions proved futile.

Hussin earlier said he inherited the problem with the GSIS from previous DepEd-ARMM officials and that efforts had been done to solve it.

DepEd-ARMM owes GSIS P396,428,163.72 to date, from more than P968 million in 2001.

The teachers earlier threatened to hold a sit-down strike if the GSIS issues were not resolved soon, and to abstain from poll duties in the Aug. 8 elections in the region.

Aguja said there was nothing political in the legislators' efforts to "clarify things."

The bottom line, he added, was "to give to the teachers what is due them and [make] government officials [accountable]."

Edwin Fernandez, PDI Mindanao Bureau

Negros Oriental a vital link on tourism map, says GMA

By Alex Pal
PDI Visayas Bureau

DUMAGUETE CITY—President Macapagal-Arroyo reiterated the importance of Negros Oriental on the tourism map of the country because of its strategic location in the Strong Republic Nautical Highway.

In a media interaction at the Foundation University on Thursday, the President pointed out that Negros Oriental was a vital link on the tourism map because it linked both the central and western Nautical Highway.

"Negros Oriental is not being forgotten in our Central Visayas tourism program," she said.

The President gave the assurance after Gov. George Arnaiz expressed dismay two weeks ago about the province's exclusion from the "Biyahe Na" advertising campaign of the Department of Tourism.

Tourism Secretary Joseph Ace Durano, who is the Cabinet officer for regional development in Central Visayas, also assured the people that they would be part of the next tourism promotions that would start airing in June.

"The commercial will have three phases. The first is 'fiesta,' the second will be 'food' and the third will be 'people and culture'. Dumaguete will be in the 'food' theme," he said.

Durano explained that it was impossible to put all the tourist destinations in a 30-second promotion spot and that was why the Negros Oriental was not included in the first ad now being aired in the national media.

The reassurance to Negros Oriental's political leaders seemed to top the agenda for the President's visit because she took time to present a short lecture on the importance of the Nautical Highway.

After meeting with the local journalists, Ms Arroyo visited Entheos IT, the first medical transcription company to operate in the city, located inside the Foundation University campus.

She also visited SPI Technologies, a Florida-based pre-press company, in Bacong town. SPI Tech held groundbreaking rites for its expansion that day.

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The President also inaugurated the Sibulan Port, which offers the shortest ride to the southernmost tip of Cebu province by pump boat.

Drought destroys ₱655M in Isabela

ILAGAN, Isabela—Drought brought about by the El Niño has destroyed P655 million worth of rice and corn crops in Isabela, according to reports from the provincial agriculture office.

Fidel Doca, provincial agriculturist, told local reporters that many crops wilted due to lack of irrigation water.

Records from the provincial agriculture office said the drought destroyed P629.11 million worth of corn and P26.09 million worth of rice crops.

The hardest hit corn-growing areas were found in Ilagan, Sta. Maria, Tumauini, Benito Soliven, San Mariano, Angadanan, San Guillermo, Echague and San Agustin towns, and Cauayan City.

Losses were also recorded in the rice-producing areas of Echague, Ilagan, San Guillermo, Quirino, Mallig, Delfin Albano, Cabagan and Tumauini.

Doca urged farmers living near rivers and creeks to use pumps to divert water to their fields in order to avoid further crop damage and production losses. *Villamor Visaya Jr., PDI Northern Luzon Bureau*

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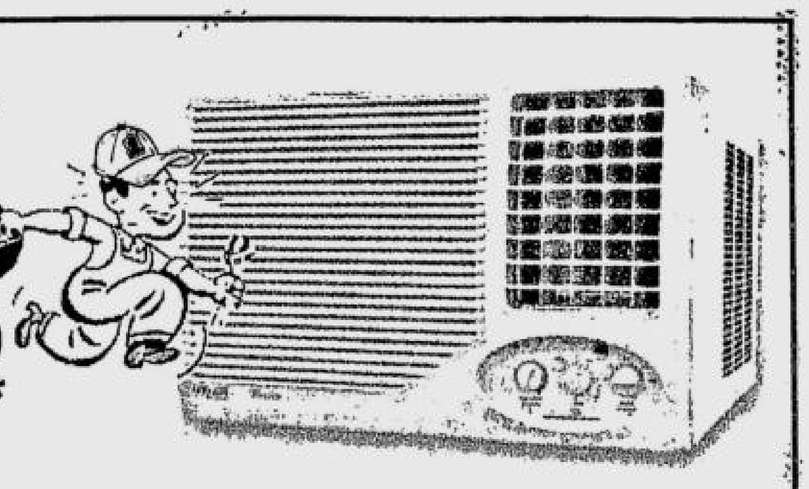

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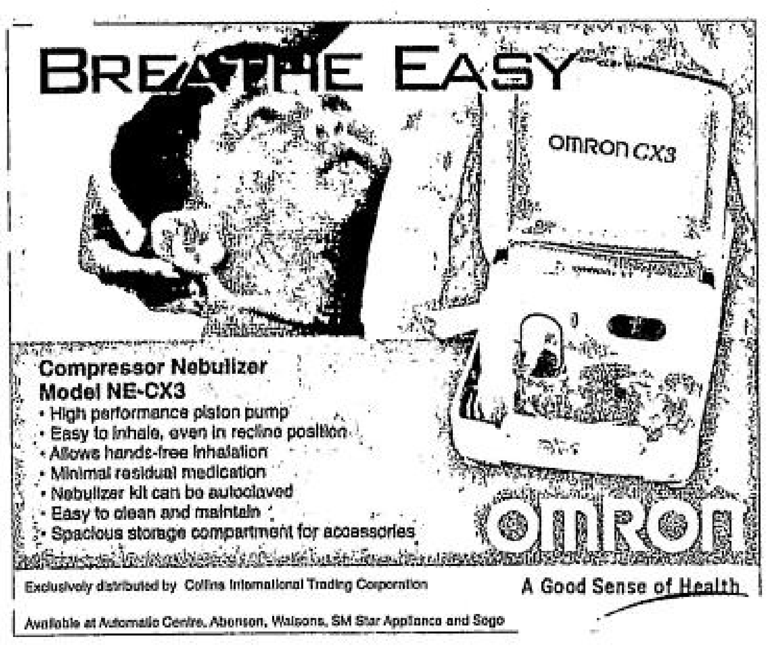

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> Another 'original' certificate involving the same disputed area also found to be fake

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GENERAL SANTOS CITY—Officials of Alsons Development Investment Corp. (Aldevinco) have asked concerned government agencies to dig deeper into the issuance of land titles covering five lots within the 899-hectare land covered by its Industrial Forest Plantation Management Agreement (Ifma) with the Department of Environment and Natural Resources.

Leo Cabalquinto, administration manager of Sarangani Agricultural Co., sister company of Aldevinco, told reporters that they discovered the issuance of alleged fake titles after Andrew Patricio, former community environment and natural resources officer here, sent a letter dated July 11, 2003 informing the company about the existence of titles covering 700 hectares of Ifma area.

The company officials, upon the advice of their lawyer, filed an affidavit of adverse claim with the register of deeds here. But Benjamin Bayan Jr., head of the office, refused to annotate the documents, claiming the reglamentary period had already lapsed.

The controversial titles were forwarded by the register of deeds to the Land Registration Authority (LRA) for verification and authentication.

The LRA directed its Task Force Titulong Malinis (TFTM) to conduct an investigation.

In February last year, TFTM investigator Homer P. Margate came out with findings that the five titles were spurious.

Homer said in his report that even the LRA's Micrographics and Computer Division had no record of the controversial titles.

The back portion of the bogus documents indicated that they were microfilmed on June 11, 1998.

No record

But MCD chief Ser John Pastrana told Margate that his office had no record of such titles in its own files.

The TFTM further checked with the Lands Management Bureau if the titles were genuine. Leonido Borderos, officer-in-charge of the LMB records management division, revealed that the sales patents were questionable.

The task force learned that the patents issued to the five claimants were actually issued much earlier to five landowners in Kiamba in Sarangani, Davao City, Dapitan City in Zamboanga Del Norte, Kidapawan City in Cotabato, and Tagum City in Davao Del Norte.

It recommended the filing of a court case to cancel or delete the titles from the records of the register of deeds.

Just as the LRA concluded its investigation, another questionable "original" certificate of title involving the same disputed area surfaced. This time, there was only one title but containing five lots.

The document has the same area and technical description as the previous five titles, but it bore a different survey number. It was signed by the Cenro of Maganoy, Maguindanao.

This prompted the LRA to conduct another investigation. The agency found that the land title was spurious, too.

Ex-mayor faces theft for cutting mahogany

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ROXAS CITY—The former mayor of Panitan, Capiz, Pio Jude Belo, is facing qualified theft charges for cutting 15 mahogany trees within the watershed reservation project of the city government of Roxas.

This after Jurlie D. Zubiaga, chief of the survey section of the Department of Environment and Natural Resources here, confirmed that Belo cut early this month eight mahogany trees at the Catao Watershed Reservation Project and seven from the creek in an adjacent lot owned by the Belo family.

The cut mahogany trees were said to be 25 to 30 years old.

In her survey reports dated Feb. 23, Zubiaga said the eight trees were cut from lot 741 in Barangay Cudian, Ivisan while the seven trees were cut from an adjacent creek within lot 3635, which is under the territorial jurisdiction of Roxas City.

The survey reports said that lot 741 was registered in the name of the then municipality of Capiz (now Roxas City). Lot 3635, situated in Barrios Balijuagan and Sibaguan, Roxas City, was registered in the name of the Belo family.

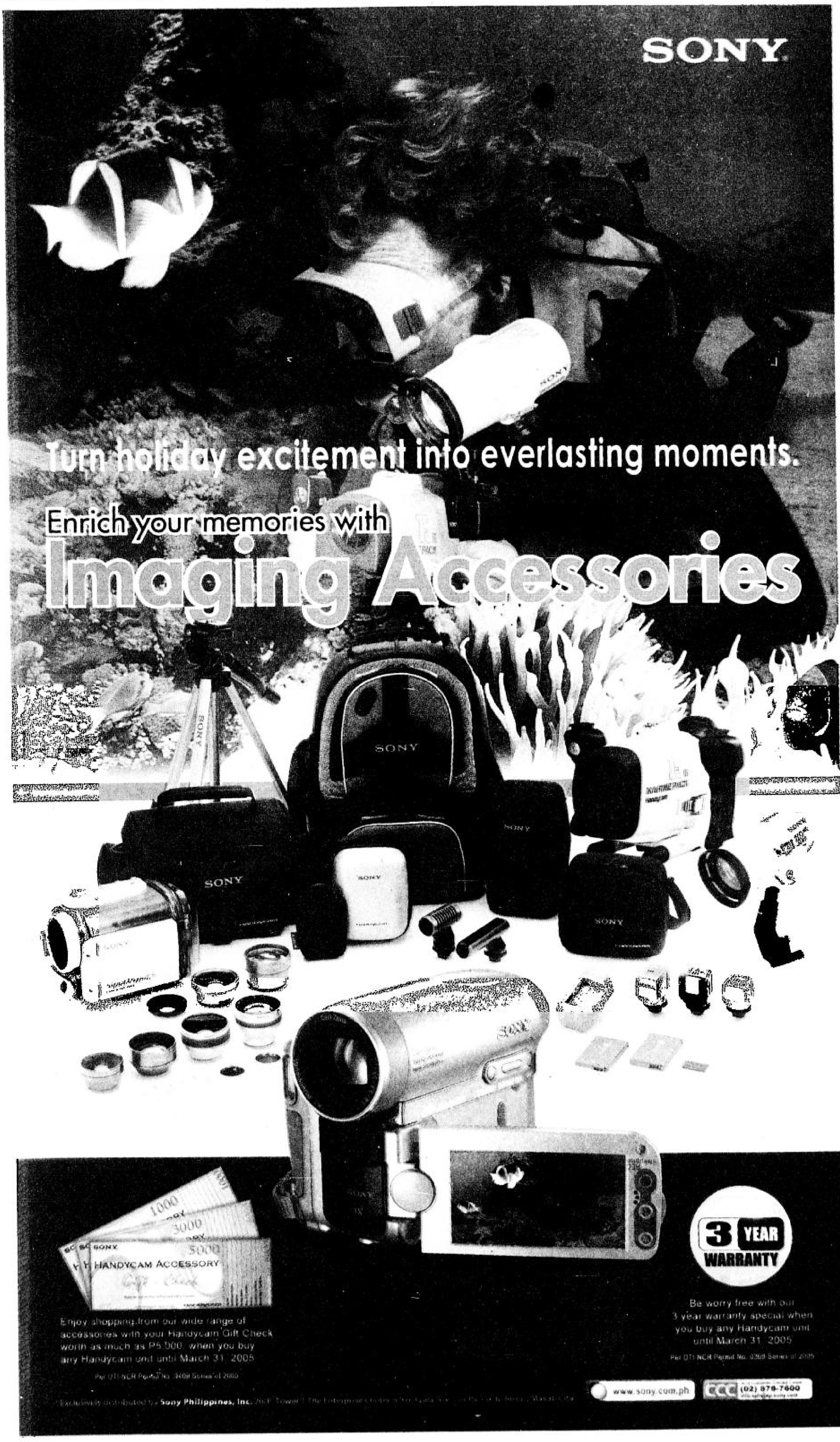
Roxas City Mayor Antonio del Rosario said Belo was still liable for cutting the seven trees on the creek since the body of water is a government property.

Del Rosario said the city government would use as witnesses against Belo the watershed guards of the Metro Roxas Water District (MRWD) and chainsaw operators caught by MRWD personnel cutting the trees.

The mayor said Provincial Environment and Natural Resources officer (Penro) Dionesio Molina would lodge a complaint against Belo for cutting three narra trees within his properties without securing the required permit from Penro.

Belo, when reached for comment, maintained that all the cut trees were within his property and had pertinent documents issued by the DENR, Cudian barangay chair Nonie Daliva and Ivisan town Mayor Noel Yap.

He said he secured the permits and clearances from Ivisan because his properties belonged to the town.



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Big hopes for RP's small fish

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community's willingness to cooperate with the local government.

Soliman recounted in his study that the *sinarapan* was the favorite fish of the fisherfolk in the 1940s to the mid-1970s before the tilapia was introduced by the Bureau of Fisheries and Aquatic Resources in 1982.

Since the *sinarapan* (*Mistichthys luzonensis*) was exceedingly abundant, a fisherman could harvest at least one kilo of the fish in one haul, anytime of the day.

Due to overfishing, the *sinarapan* population in Buhi lake dwindled, according to Soliman. The use of the motorized pushnet destroyed the breeding, feeding and refuge areas of the fish.

This prompted Soliman to initiate its revival.

COMMUNITY efforts helped check the dwindling numbers of "sinarapan" in Lake Buhi in Camarines Sur. NIÑO JESUS ORBETA/PDI SOUTHERN LUZON BUREAU

Sanctuary

In November 1998, the municipal council passed an ordinance declaring lakelets Manapao and Catogday in Barangay San Ramon *sinarapan* sanctuaries. San Ramon is about 3 km from Buhi town proper, which is 15 km from Iriga City.

The townspeople started treating the *sinarapan* as an important endangered species.

Wilfredo Joven, indigenous tribal chieftain, said that when the municipal council members passed the ordinance, they automatically strictly observed its provisions to protect the fish species.

He said that when the lakelets had not yet been declared sanctuaries, the community considered these their laundry and bathing areas.

Mayor Diones N. Belza said that if someone was caught violating the municipal ordinance, the offender would have to pay P1,000 up to P2,000 or be imprisoned from two to six months.

But, Belza said, it was not the fear of getting fined but the concern of the people for *sinarapan*'s threatened existence that was bringing back the rich stock of the endangered fish species.

"The mass involvement of the people toward the preservation, conservation and management of *sinarapan* in the lakelets of Buhi is a very good sign that everybody is concerned with nature and their future," the mayor said.

How small is small?

The smallest fish in the world is the stout infantfish found in the Great Barrier Reef in Australia. The female is a third of an inch long, while the male is even smaller.

Four pieces of the *sinarapan*, the smallest commercial fish in the world, can fit on a fingertip. And it lives and thrives only in Lake Buhi, about 12 hours by bus from Manila.

Unlike the inedible *Pandaca pygmia*, another small fish found in Laguna Lake, the *sinarapan* is delicious and served as an exotic food.

But its habitat, the 1,880-hectare Lake Buhi, has changed significantly over time and the *sinarapan* population in the lake was being depleted at an alarming rate.

Disappearing fish

A few years ago, the BFAR said the *sinarapan* should be "preserved" because the fish could be declared an endangered species.

An article, published March 4, 2001 in the INQUIRER, cited several factors for the disappearing *sinarapan*:

- Lake Buhi was dying due partly to the irrigation system that draws water from the lake and sends it to some 10,200 hectares of rice farms in the fourth district of Camarines Sur.
- Dikes contributed to the siltation in the lake, raising temperatures that were unbearable to the *sinarapan* and had caused fish kills.
- Unregulated tilapia culture using fish cages caused pollution, as did erosion from deforested areas and domestic wastes being dumped in the lake.

Tourist attraction

The *sinarapan* sanctuary is a difficult trek.

Located in a forested area, it can be reached only after a 30-minute walk which includes crossing a 50-meter hanging bridge. Nevertheless, it is a popular destination for students, researchers, local and foreign tourists.

Soliman cited the Trus, a couple from Holland, who regularly visit the place just to see the *sinarapan*.

He said that it was not hard to repopulate the *sinarapan* because it is self-feeding and does not need to be cultured. Besides, the cool waters of Lake Buhi are an ideal habitat for the *sinarapan* owing to the abundance of trees in the area.

Buhi Environmental Management Services executive officer Agustin Villadarez III said he planned to promote the *sinarapan* as a tourist attraction—just like the tarsier in Bohol, the butanding in Sorsogon and the Philippine eagle in Davao.

However, the local government unit is having a difficult time selling the idea to foreign and local tourists.

By religiously observing the municipal ordinance declaring lakelets Manapao and Catogday in Barangay San Ramon as *sinarapan* sanctuaries, Buhi residents have saved this unique fish for future generations to enjoy.

Angara building up LDP as strong opposition party

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fying his error in adopting Poe as presidential standard-bearer of the opposition in 2004. Second, he is purging the LDP recalcitrants. Third, he is unveiling new policy directions (which will be examined in another article).

With these moves, Angara seems to be trying to establish himself as the real leader of the opposition built on an alternative party system, as distinguished from the formal minority leader in the Senate, a position now held by Sen. Aquilino Pimentel Jr.

Angara signaled his moving out of his ill-fated sponsorship of Poe, which splintered the LDP, with one faction identified with Sen. Panfilo Lacson, by not inviting Susan Roces, Poe's widow, to the congress.

Angara's reason for distancing himself from Roces was a diplomatic explanation. "I don't think she's interested in politics," Angara said. "Through friends and public announcement, she said she's not prepared to jump into the political (arena)."

While her lack of serious political commitment might be true, Susan Roces and Fernando Poe Jr. are not personae on whom the opposition could build a contending political force based on policies and programs.

Angara sidelined Susan Roces despite the fact that the die-hard followers of Poe launched a campaign for three million signatures to try to persuade Susan to lead the opposition—as if three million signatures would have endowed her with political onus, and despite the fact that she sought to slide into her husband's place in the electoral protest lodged by the actor with the Presidential Electoral Tribunal.

Angara's effort to get out of the shadow of his strategic error in ramming Poe as the opposition's presidential candidate through a process he invented—the so-called "road show" for grass-roots support by the party rank and file—cannot be more emphatic than his shunning the stigma of defeat which Poe brought about himself because he was not a man upon whom the politics of policy could be organized.

Signal to Lacson

In casting aside the stigma of Poe, Angara seems to have sent signals to the LDP faction associated with Lacson. If he wanted to send peace signals to this faction, Angara right away quashed them by not inviting LDP members who supported Lacson's presidential candidacy, among them Representatives Carlos Padilla, Agapito "Butz" Aquino and Rolex Suplico.

The doors of the LDP congress, however, were not slammed on 60 other party members, including former Sen. Teresita Aquino-Oreta and former Rep. Miguel Romero.

It appears that Angara's idea of a party purge is to weed out members with whom he has had deep-seated animosity, and this kind of purge foreshadows a certain amount of bloodletting in the party to get ready for the battle with the administration coalition in the 2007 congressional elections.

Angara's rebuilding efforts find little room for the minor parties, especially that segment identified with deposed President Joseph Estrada, who in the 1998 election depended on the LDP as his main political vehicle.

Angara may have recognized that he cannot build an opposition movement anchored on policies of nonprogrammatic politicians such as Estrada and Poe.

To fight the party machine built by President Macapagal-Arroyo, whose coalition swept majorities into the House and the Senate, Angara may have realized that a reinvigorated opposition should confront the administration with the politics of ideas.

If the opposition can present itself in the next five years as a credible party with new ideas and as a credible alternative government, then it is time for it to discard its old baggage.

The national opposition existing today is made up of individual senators, including Pimentel, Juan Ponce Enrile, Sergio Osmeña III, who strike out on their own and are so dispersed that they as a bloc do not offer a party position to oppose President Arroyo's tax measures to close the yawning deficit and public debt.

Seeds of unrest

The eight tax measures contain enough seeds to plant public unrest over their effects, not to mention the fact that new and increased taxes have never been popular with the public.

There is basis to the explanation, put forward by the administration, that one of the main reasons for the plunge in the approval rating of the administration's performance in public opinion polls is its sponsorship of unpopular new tax measures even though these are being pushed as urgent measures to avert a fiscal deficit crisis.

The opposition is rebuilding itself with the prospects of the off-year elections in 2007, in which it can build itself into a coherent program-based opposition movement that ought to make capital out of the flaws in the eight-measure tax package.

One can reasonably surmise that Angara's move to rebuild the opposition based on the LDP's grass-roots infrastructure is a gamble to prepare the party for 2007.

The elements of disintegration are already eroding the administration's majorities. These have surfaced in the dispute between the House and the Senate over the bypassing of the bicameral conference committee in the passage of the 2005 national budget.

A closer look at the squabble shows that it stemmed from pork barrel allocations involving mainly the majority members in both Houses, and was not all a dispute between the majority and the opposition members.

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High-profile Aglipay plans to enter politics

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porters whenever they called him on his mobile phone.

As an administrator, he also wanted policemen to learn English, on top of learning how to pound their beats effectively.

Taking a photographer or two with him, he would make surprise inspections of units, sacking those sleeping on the job, or chastising those wearing their uniforms sloppily.

Aglipay had just a month to go before retiring when President Macapagal-Arroyo named him to the top PNP post, and then caused dismay among some officials next in line when she extended his term for six months.

But Aglipay's tenure as PNP chief was not without its dark moments.

In January, a police officer went berserk during the Ati-Atihan festival in Aklan and went on a killing rampage that left seven people dead, including two senior police officials.

Last month, on Valentine's Day, suspected Abu Sayyaf extremists bombed the cities of Makati, General Santos and Davao, killing eight people and leaving more than 150 injured.

Within days, police arrested three alleged terrorists. An official told the INQUIRER how Aglipay had pressured his men into capturing "Boy Negro," one of the suspects.

"When he learned the police were chasing Boy Negro in Bicol, he said, 'I'm already retiring in a few days. Aren't we going to get him yet?'"

Edgar Batalla Aglipay was born on Sept. 13, 1948, in Cagayan and is married to Marinette Yan.

He belongs to Class 1971 of the Philippine Military Academy. He later obtained a master's degree in Business Administration and another master's in Military Arts and Science.

In his climb to the top, he held several key positions, including that of regional director for Central Luzon, the Special Action Force and the Anti-Illegal Drugs Task Force.

He dismantled several drug laboratories in Metro Manila and its outskirts, among the biggest in the country.

Politician in the making?

One of the first things he did when he became PNP chief was to order all available policemen to patrol the streets, day and night.

The public applauded, but some police officials dismissed the move as simply Aglipay's way to win an extension of his term as PNP boss.

"He wants to run for an elective post in his province," one junior official claimed. "He needs to be in the limelight as long as possible, until the elections, that is."

Concerned with the police image, Aglipay introduced a popular weight-loss drug to help his men win the battle against the bulge.

Lavish parties banned

During Christmas last year, Aglipay banned extravagant parties, to the chagrin of policemen used to receiving gifts and money from private citizens.

He was also criticized for throwing a party for members of the press.

A few junior officials said his reform measures were palliative—not institutional.

Missing computer

Despite his no-nonsense image, Aglipay appeared at times to be beholden to those in power. Once, he surprised a police station in Pasig City when he suddenly showed up.

No, it was not another inspection, he said. A friend of Luli Arroyo, the President's daughter, had lost a computer in the city, and he wanted the case looked into quickly.

During his last days at the PNP, Aglipay made it clear that he would not like to simply disappear into the shadows.

At a party he threw for media members at his official residence in Camp Crame, he said: "I wish I and Mrs. Aglipay could serve more."

Lomibao assumes …

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with the PNP's militaristic past.

"Since he is a Christian, he will swear on the Bible. If he were a Muslim, then it would be the Holy Koran," he said.

God-centered

At today's turnover ceremony at Camp Crame at 11 a.m., Aglipay will hand over to Lomibao a copy of the Constitution and the Code of Ethics.

"We are already discarding the military way. This is a break from tradition. The saber connotes [something] military," the official said.

The gesture would also emphasize the PNP's effort to transform itself into a "God-centered organization," he said.

The Bible and the Code of Ethics carry more than just symbolic power.

The PNP—along with the Armed Forces—is one of the institutions at the top of the Commission on Human Rights' list of abusers.

Ms Arroyo will be the guest of honor at the turnover rites.

Gil to NSC

Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye made the announcement of Lomibao's appointment in an informal text message to media organizations.

Bunye also announced the appointment of PNP Deputy Director General Virtus Gil as the new deputy national security adviser.

Gil is the deputy chief for administration in the PNP. He was among those said to be contending for the chief PNP position.

Last week, Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita said Ms Arroyo was looking at seven contenders for the PNP top position.

These were Lomibao, Gil, Director Avelino Razon (regional director for NCR), Deputy Director Generals Reynaldo Velasco (deputy chief for operations) and Ricardo de Leon (chief of Anti-Illegal Drugs Special Operations Task Force), Director Rolando Garcia (head of the Philippine Center for Transnational Crimes) and Oscar Calderon (director for Region 4-B).

Words of advice

Aglipay briefly met with Lomibao in the morning to offer advice before the announcement was made.

The PNP needs to focus on equipping its members, Lomibao told the INQUIRER.

"We should improve on the mission-essential equipment," he said, referring to logistics needed by policemen to move, shoot, communicate and investigate effectively.

"[We should improve] specially on the investigation side," he said. "It is not enough to give them equipment. They should be trained well."

Transforming the PNP

He added: "So we need both hardware and software. We should attend to this first."

Lomibao also said he would continue the PNP's 5-year transformation plan, which he helped draft as head of the directorial staff.

"There is already a time plan for everything," he said. "What will happen is basically a continuation of what Aglipay has started."

For example, the retraining of undisciplined police officers in Subic would continue, he said.

Lomibao described himself as an official who prefers to consult other officials when crafting long-term plans.

Working by consensus

"I utilize my staff. That's one thing about me. I want consensus," he said.

"I create ideas. I let my people work on it, and after they work on it, then we fine tune the ideas."

He said he preferred involving other people in making plans. It is the reason a leader has people under him, he added.

"That's the only way. If you just implement without getting them involved, without getting the best out of their minds, they will not be passionate in implementing [the programs]," he said.

Prepare for crises

With his "exposure in operations and intelligence work," Lomibao believes he is prepared to make quick assessments and the right decisions in times of crisis.

An official close to Lomibao said he already had top positions in mind for his fellow contenders.

Reached on the phone, the rival contenders promptly sent their congratulations to Lomibao.

Right choice

"It was a wise decision of the President," said Razon.

"General Lomibao is a very competent officer. He deserved the promotion. He deserved to get the post," he said.

Velasco said he had already congratulated Lomibao.

Aglipay said Ms Arroyo had "made the right choice."

"Lomibao is a very competent officer. He is very responsible," Aglipay said.

Lack of professionalism

Responding to accusations of a lack of professionalism in the police force, Lomibao said the law had defined the powers of his organization.

"(The law) says the local executives have the authority to select the town, city or provincial police directors," he said.

"But this is also in line with the devolution principle of the local government code … because we are already part of the civilian government, no longer with the military," he said.

But he admitted that there were concerns that, at times, local executives "may not have the wisdom to select the best."

Director Lucas Managuelod, who retired Friday, had criticized the high level of politicking in the organization.

Managuelod said that because of partisanship, officers were chosen based on political leanings and not on merit and qualifications. *With a report from Christian V. Esguerra*

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Gay role nets top prize for newcomer

Ate Vi, Milan also bag Star Awards plum

By Marinel R. Cruz

DENNIS Trillo, who portrayed a young gay man recruited by the guerillas to spy on Japanese soldiers in the movie "Aishite Imasu 1941," was declared Best Actor in last Saturday's Star Awards ceremony at the Gateway Mall in Quezon City.

Trillo, also heralded as this year's New Movie Actor, shared the top acting award with veteran actress Vilma Santos, who won for her role as the anticrime crusader Lilia Chiong Yang in "Mano Po 3: My Love."

This is Santos' sixth Best Actress trophy from the Philippine Movie Press Club (PMPC), organizer of the annual Star Awards.

Trillo, 24, beat the more popular actors Piolo Pascual ("Milan"), Jericho Rosales ("Santa Santita"), Jomari Yllana ("Minsan Pa") and Yul Servo ("Naglalayag") for the Best Actor trophy.

But neither Trillo nor Santos' film bagged the Best Picture Award that night. "Milan," the story of a man's search for his lost love in the romantic Italian city, won the highly coveted award. Star Cinema, the movie arm of ABS-CBN, produced "Milan."

"Milan" brought home the biggest number of awards, including Best Director for Olivia Lamasan and Best Musical Scorer for Raul Mitra.

Lamasan shared the Best Original Screenplay Award with writer Raymond Lee, while Nuel Naval bagged the Best Production Designer Award, also for "Milan."

Last Saturday, Ara Mina won her second Best Supporting Actress Award for MLR Films' "Minsan Pa." The Entertainment Press Society honored her with the same award last week.

That night, Jay Manalo got his first Best Supporting Actor trophy for "Mano Po 3: My Love." Manalo, who plays Santos' husband in the movie, beat acting veterans Johnny Delgado ("Santa Santita") and Eddie Garcia ("Mano Po 3: My Love") to the award.

Young actresses Sandara Park ("Bcuz of U") and RU Miranda ("Minsan Pa") each took home their New Movie Actress of the Year trophies. John Vladimir Manalo copped the Best Child Performer Award for the horror flick "Feng Shui."

Ito Rapadas and singers Karylle and Jerome John Hughes were honored with the Best Original Theme Song Award for "Pagbigyan and Puso" from the movie "Mano Po 3: My Love."

Vito Cajili's work on "Feng Shui" earned him a Best Editor Award, while Lee Meily bagged her second Best Cinematographer trophy for "Santa Santita."

Albert Michael Idioma and Arnold Reodica shared the Best Sound Engineer Award ("Sigaw"), while Sen. Jinggoy Estrada and "Eat Bulaga!" producer Malou Choa-Fagar were the night's Darlings of the Press.

Woman wounded in gunplay

By Tarra V. Quismundo

A NIGHT of fun and leisure nearly ended in tragedy for five women when a man raked their car with automatic gunfire at the Magallanes Interchange in Makati City before dawn yesterday.

The attack at about 2:30 a.m. wounded 35-year-old Maria Camille Mariño, an account manager and relative of a retired Air Force official, police said.

Investigator PO3 Carmelito Valiente said Mariño was hit in the left arm, where a slug from an M-16 assault rifle shattered her bones. She was rushed to the San Juan de Dios Hospital in Pasay City, where she was operated on, Valiente said.

Initial investigation showed that Mariño and her companions, among whom were friends from the United States on vacation, were on their way home to San Juan from Casino Filipino in Parañaque City when the attack occurred.

Just as Mariño's Honda City (XMK-595) took the approach to the flyover towards Edsa, a rust-colored Toyota Camry sped past them and blocked their path.

Mariño's companions told police that from the passenger's seat of the Camry emerged a rifle-wielding man who fired three shots at the driver's side.

The suspect then immediately returned to his seat, and sped away.

Horse races through expressway

THIS horse was trained to race and it gave them the chase.

A racehorse broke loose from its transport carriage along the South Luzon Expressway at about 1 p.m. yesterday and engaged its trainers and authorities in a 30-minute, 10-km chase from Nichols in Pasay City to Bicutan in Taguig City.

PO3 Arthur Cortez of the police Traffic Management Group said the horse might have felt the heat, which caused it to bleed from the nose, and made it break free from its cage.

The horse was then being transported to Carmona, Cavite, when it went wild.

Cortez said it kicked a Mitsubushi Adventure (WDK-876), shattering its windshield and leaving dents and scratches on its body.

Broken glass caused gashes on the lips of Adventure passenger Arlene Generoso of Tondo, Manila.

Cortez said the trainer managed to get hold of a rope tied to the horse and calmed down. The horse was owned by one Rudy Mendoza. *Tarra V. Quismundo*

Drive against drag racing nets 33

POLICE in Quezon City netted 33 young men suspected of drag racing along Mindanao Avenue before dawn Saturday.

Police said the men, with ages from 18 to 27, were about to start the race at about 1:30 a.m. when Central Police District intelligence and mobile patrol units accosted them.

The CPD units backed by the Quezon City public order and safety department made the arrest after receiving complaints that Mindanao Avenue was being used for illegal races.

Drag racing is known to cause accidents, some of them fatal.

SPO1 Fidencio Basibas said the operation could be the biggest in the city since the anti-drag racing ordinance took effect in 2002.

The young men, mostly college students, were immediately released after being issued traffic tickets, Basibas said.

Violations of city ordinance 1139, which prohibits illegal street racing, were also filed against the suspects, he added.

The suspects face a P200 fine or up to six months imprisonment, or both. *D.J. Yap*

Strangers give comfort to family of 2 Pasig heroes

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

THE OUTPOURING of help from friends, politicians and even strangers is keeping their spirits afloat.

Amid the pain, relatives of Richard and Ralgy Serantes, the brothers who drowned in Pasig River last week while attempting to help passengers of a sinking banca, have found a reason to smile.

"The number of people coming is a pleasant surprise," the victims' sister Shirley said yesterday.

Many of Richard's fellow taxi drivers have been attending the wake.

Ralgy's former co-workers and employers whom his family never met came on several trucks.

"It's been comforting," Shirley said as she showed the list of people who had expressed condolences and extended financial help.

Some of those who showed up brought clippings of INQUIRER articles about the accident.

Shirley said they would have the articles framed to serve as their "remembrance" of what their brothers had done.

The two brothers jumped into the river at about 7:30 p.m. Tuesday after hearing screams from the passengers of a sinking banca. They thought a relative was also in the banca.

The 12 passengers of the banca which capsized were all saved. But the two brothers disappeared in the murky water. Their bodies were found more than 36 hours later.

Randy Nicoyco, the victims' uncle, said the Negros Occidental provincial government had shouldered the fare of the victims' mother, two siblings and two aunts.

Pasig City mayor Vicente Eusebio, Rep. Dudut Jaworski and other local officials have also given financial help.

The Rotary Club of Pasig also gave the family P50,000.

"We want the brothers to be a symbol of heroism in their community," club community service director Florizel De Pano said.

Negros Occidental Rep. Iggy Arroyo also showed up yesterday afternoon.

The family earlier sought help through the media, for the funeral expenses of Richard and Ralgy. They had to come up with more than P75,000.

The victims will be buried at the Pasig City Cemetery on Thursday, Nicoyco said.

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Priest appeals for more jobs

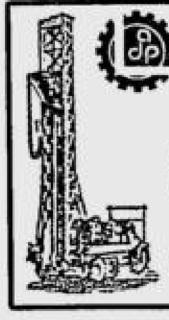
RUNNING priest Robert Reyes yesterday asked the government to focus on creating jobs for Filipinos instead of getting involved in the Iraq war. Reyes said Mass yesterday for Robert Tarongoy at about 10 a.m. at Mendiola. *Margaux C. Ortiz*

Iranian nabbed for shoplifting

ELNAZ Habibi, 23, an Iranian student of the University of the East-Manila, was arrested after she left SM Centerpoint department store Friday night and was found carrying items which she had not paid for. Habibi, who yielded a Lycra bra with bikini, compact discs, a toenail nipper, and an aftershave lotion all worth P3,728, faces charges for shoplifting. *D.J. Yap*

Wellness summit opens

NESTLÉ Philippines launches today a nationwide wellness campaign with the opening of the 1st Philippine Health and Nutrition Summit in Metro Manila with invited participants from various sectors. Salvador Pigem, Nestlé Philippines president and CEO, said the wellness initiative was only logical for the food company to use its resources for the greater benefit of consumers.



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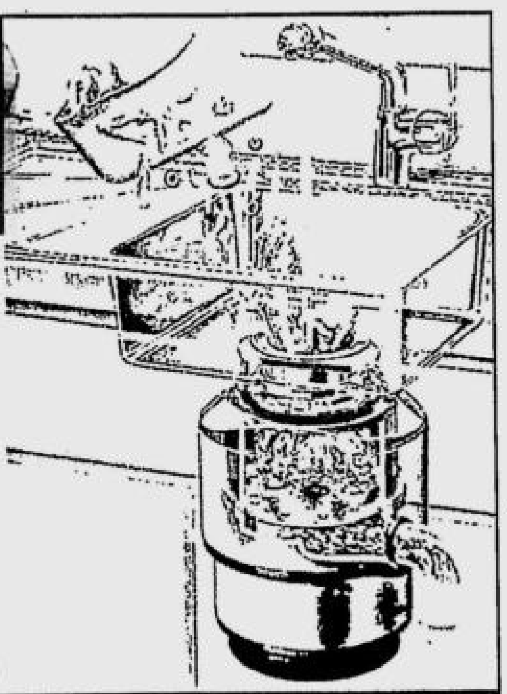

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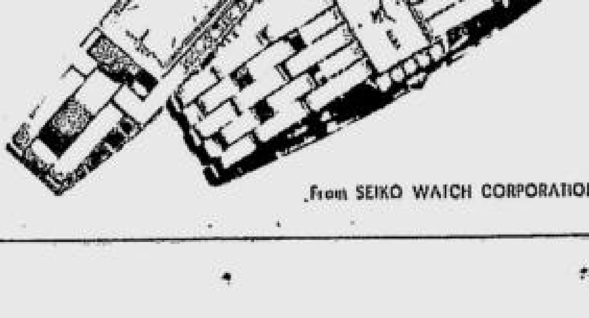

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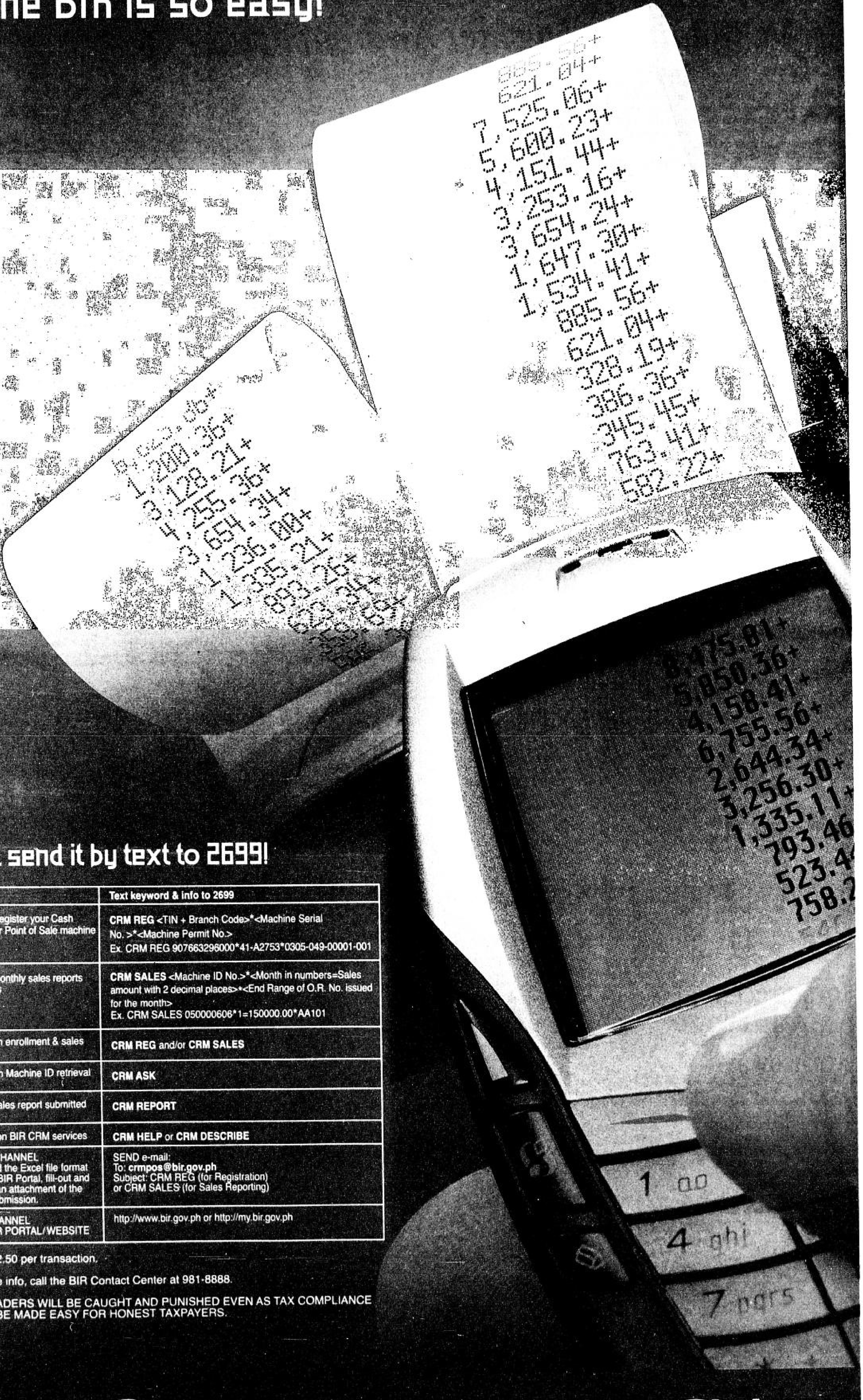

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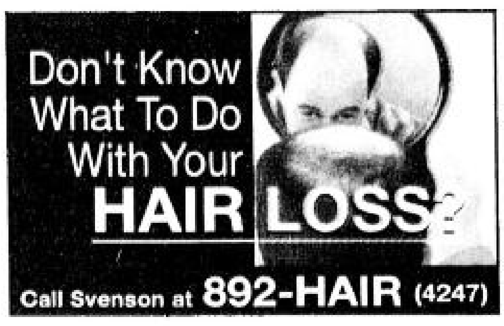
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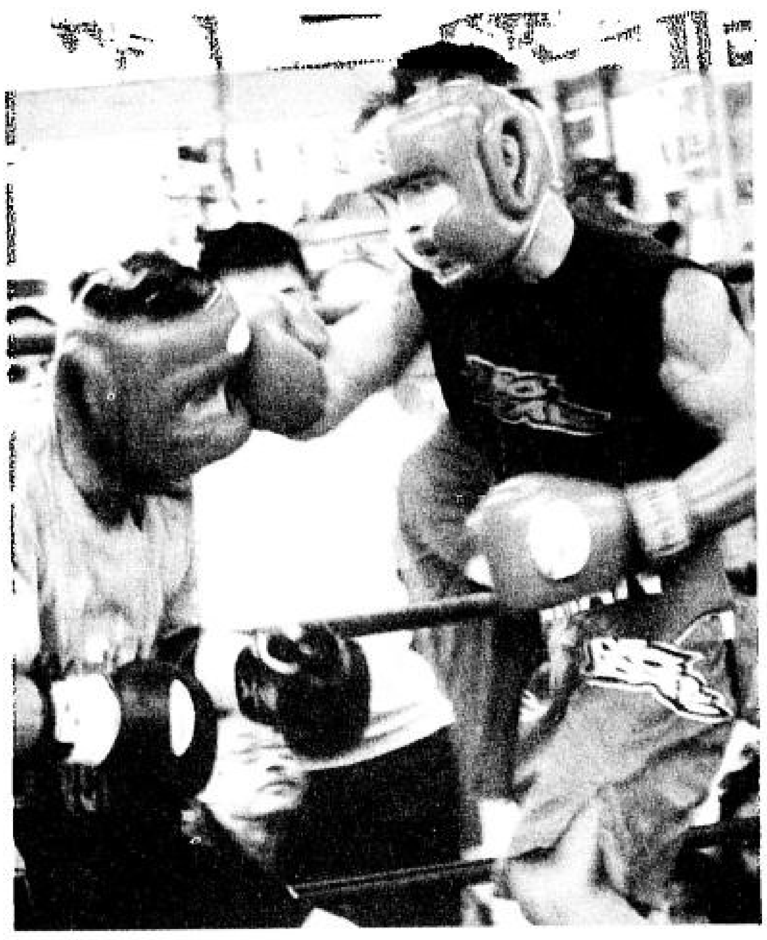

ADVANTAGE LOST?

Pacquiao ordered to use thicker gloves

By Recah Trinidad

LOS ANGELES—The fistic war will be won on the power of punches, not with the quality of gloves, but Manny Pacquiao yesterday lost some perceived points when the Nevada State Athletic Commission suddenly ruled in favor of Erik Morales and ordered both combatants to use the

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OPEN DAY
Manny Pacquio tags sparmate Israel Vasquez with a right hook, the weapon he hopes to use to tame Erik "El Teribile" Morales in their March 19 fight in Las Vegas. The Filipino boxing icon thrilled fans at the Wild Card Boxing Club during a colorful six-round session with Vasquez, the world 122-lb champ. Later, Pacquiao signed autographs and posed for photographs with well-wishers during the club's open day. DAN TRINIDAD

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SEAG website up soon

By Jasmine W. Payo

THE MANILA 2005 Southeast Asian Games will soon be on the World Wide Web.

Pacific Internet, one of the country's top Internet service providers, has been tasked to create and manage the Games' official website after inking a P6-million sponsorship package with the Philippine Southeast Asian Games Organizing Committee.

The website will be among the key communication tools that will provide regular updates on the country's preparations for the biennial Games and the actual competitions slated Nov. 27 to Dec. 5.

Pacific Internet will also provide the requirements of the media in all the venues in Bacolod, Cebu, Subic and Manila, which will serve as the main hub.

"Pacific Internet simply could not pass up this golden opportunity to be an active member of RP sports development and ... help in the success of the staging of this event," said Sonny Divina, vice president for marketing.

Meanwhile, the Philsoc will announce the Games' official sponsors in the marketing launch at 12 noon tomorrow at the Golden Gate Restaurant on Roxas Boulevard. The official logo and mascot will also be unveiled.

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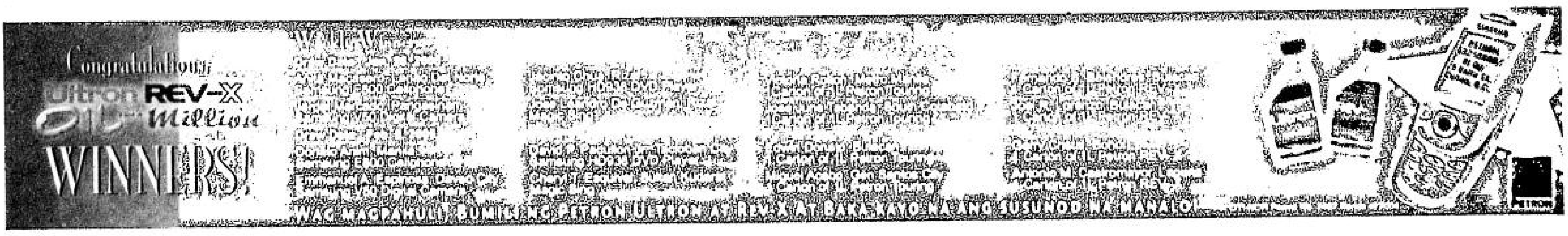
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Pacquiao ordered to use thicker gloves

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thickly padded Winning brand for their March 19 showdown.

In a stunning twist, Pacquiao was disallowed the use of the Cleto Reyes gloves which he has worn since he started his successful stint here in the United States in 2001.

Trainer Freddie Roach, visibly displeased, yesterday bared he has received a call from Nevada State Athletic Commissioner Marc Ratner withdrawing the permission previously granted Pacquiao to wear the thinner Mexican-made Reyes brand.

As stated in the fight contract, which the commission brought out at the last minute, both boxers will don the Winning (not Winnings as previously reported) gloves that Morales has originally chosen.

"We cannot do anything about it; a contract reads as a contract reads," Roach told the INQUIRER as he watched Pacquiao spar before a big crowd wearing the Winning brand.

How come Morales was allowed his choice when he's no longer a champion?

"Manny could use the Reyes gloves, but as it turned out, when Bob Arum negotiated with Murad (Muhammad), they agreed to what Morales liked," Roach explained.

Roach rued that Murad made a crucial move "without asking anybody."

Roach admitted Pacquiao was not familiar with the required Winning gear but they have bought a pair and the famous fighter has been trying it.

"It's definitely thicker," Roach said.

Roach said Pacquiao had told him the last-minute change does not matter.

But on Friday, Roach bared with visible gladness that Pacquiao had been allowed to use the fight gear of his preference.

Although Pacquiao would not admit it, he had been bothered by reports that he too would be required to use the gloves of Morales' choice.

PACQUIAO fulfills a young fan's wish by signing his boxing gloves at the Wild Card gym Saturday. DAN TRINIDAD

Team Pacquiao felt the thicker pads of Winning could lessen the impact of Pacquiao's feared power punches.

Roach had surmised Morales insisted on the Winning gloves because the Mexican warrior needed more cushion for his brittle hands.

Pacquiao did not appear the least bothered by the reversal as he thrilled fans at the Wild Card Boxing Club where he sparred for six rounds, including a colorful, witty session with world 122-lb champ Israel Vasquez.

It was an open day at Wild Card and Pacquiao took time out to autograph his T-shirts which an enterprising assistant marketed for $20 each.

Pacquiao has invited Filipino Luisito Espinosa to attend the fight after the former world champion called from San Francisco.

Pacquiao continued to be besieged by fans and friends asking for tickets.

He spars for a final three rounds Monday before heading for fight-site Las Vegas.

Crack field in Velo Challenge

NATIONAL team mainstay Paterno Curtan heads the cream of the country's track cycling crop taking part in the 10-leg First Philippine Velo Challenge to be flagged off Saturday at the refurbished Amoranto Velodrome in Quezon City.

A Southeast Asian Games medalist, Curtan will be joined by Bryan Dimacali, Joeffrey Talaver, Nilo Estayo, Paulo Manapul, Arnold Marcelo, Carlo Jasul, Edwin Paragoso, Alvin Benosa and Jan Paul Morales.

First Gentleman Mike Arroyo leads the list of guests invited to grace the opening ceremonies at 8 a.m.

Senator Pia Cayetano, Philippine Olympic Committee president Jose Cojuangco and Philippine Sports Commission OIC William Ramirez are also expected to attend.

Mayors Lito Atienza of Manila, Abraham Tolentino of Tagaytay and Edward Hagedorn of Puerto Princesa have adopted teams in the event.

Manny could lose that loving feeling

BARE EYE

Recab Trinidad

LOS ANGELES—Manny Pacquiao using the boxing gloves of his choice does not necessarily give him a cutting edge.

It's not the brand and type of gloves which regularly freezes Pacquiao's opponents.

It's the mule kick, the ferocity, the blazing brick in those fists that do the job.

But Pacquiao loves to bang it up with the best out there wearing the Cleto Reyes gloves.

It's hard to tell.

Fighting in a Cleto Reyes gives Manny that pure, raw, towering feeling?

He will not admit it.

In the singularity of combat, Pacquiao could feel like he's fighting bare-knuckle in those red Mexican boxing gears.

That, too, he won't say.

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It's like this. As early as last Friday, Pacquiao had been telling the media he does not mind using a different pair of gloves.

As long as they are both eight ounces, like those of his opponent, it doesn't matter.

What truly matters is how to connect the big ones, he insisted (*Depende yan kung anong suntok ang tatama.*).

OK. He didn't mind.

But then, his handlers had to save him the worry when the possibility lurked that Pacquiao would be divorced from his favorite gloves in his showdown with Erik Morales on Saturday evening (Sunday morning in Manila).

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Pacquiao's business manager Rod Nazario last week moved ahead to provide his fighter a pair of the thickly padded Winning gloves.

You know, to familiarize with them, just in case.

Winning is the brand preferred by Erik Morales.

Much as he liked it, Morales could not, however, insist on the use of Winning for the March 19 encounter.

Why? Because that luxury is enjoyed only by world champions.

These crown-holders could demand and decree what fight gears to use.

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The situation had looked near perfect for Pacquiao.

He could use his favorite Reyes gloves.

And Morales could stick to the Japanese brand.

In fact, the Nevada State Athletic Commission had announced it was allowing both fighters to use the gloves of their preference.

Pacquiao and his handlers had a good night's sleep.

The question on the choice of fight gear was now the least of their worries.

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Sorry, folks. But a day after we reported that Pacquiao had scored a big point when he was allowed the Cleto Reyes brand, there came this inexplicable twist.

The Nevada Commission has suddenly ordered Pacquiao to wear the thickly padded Winning gloves for his next fight.

It's hard to tell. But the impact of that reversal could be equal to a point deduction inside the ring.

Or it could have no effect at all, as Manny has been insisting.

Freddie Roach, meanwhile, said they could not do anything.

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It does not matter, Pacquiao continued to insist.

It won't make any difference.

Of course, there's a whole world of difference.

Winning, the gloves of Morales' choice, is thickly padded in the knuckle area.

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It does not need a boxing scholar to conclude that Pacquiao could suddenly feel orphaned when he starts spearing his foe using an strange weapon.

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Red Bull scrapes past SMB

AUGUST DELA CRUZ

RED BULL'S Cyrus Baguio and San Miguel's Dondon Hontiveros battle for the loose ball.

By June Navarro

AS FAR as coach Yeng Guiao can remember, Red Bull Barako always ends up winning whenever he gets the ire of the referees.

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Red Bull bucked Guiao's ejection last night as it leaned on steady freethrow shooting to scrape past San Miguel Beer, 94-90, in the 2005 PBA Gran Matador Fiesta Conference at the Araneta Coliseum.

Guiao was thrown out after blurting invectives at the men in gray following a non-call on Enrico Villanueva's partially deflected jumper midway in the third quarter.

"We win most, if not all, of the time, whenever I get ejected," said Guiao, after the Barako bounced back from a 109-104 defeat at the hands of FedEx last Friday.

Assistant coach Gie Abanilla took over the helm and steered the Barako to their second victory in three games with Cyrus Baguio and Dalron Johnson delivering the goods down the stretch.

The Barako sank seven of their last 10 freethrows with Johnson nailing four of them and Baguio two to repel San Miguel's ferocious charge in the final minute.

Chris Burgess proved to be a thorn for the Red Bull defense, scoring 21 of his conference-high 34 points in the second half and pulling down 25 rebounds.

But that did not save the Beermen from absorbing their first loss after winning their first two games.

In the second game, Willie Miller had 23 points as Talk 'N Text clobbered Sta. Lucia, 97-75. The Phone Pals improved to 2-0 while the Realtors fell to 1-2.

The scores:

First game

RED BULL 94—Johnson 17, Baguio 13, Villanueva 12, Meneses 11, Ybañez 6, Robinson 6, Asayton 6, Valenzuela 5, Gahol 5, Bernardo 4, Tugade 4, Ejercito 3, Torion 2.

SAN MIGUEL 90—Burgess 34, Seigle 21, Racela 13, Peña 8, Belasco 6, Villoria 3, Hontiveros 3, Mente 2

Quarters: 25-23, 49-41, 71-67, 94-90

Second Game

TALK 'N TEXT 97—Miller 23, De Ocampo 15, Camaso 12, Ike 11, Alapag 11, Telan 7, Pablo 6, Carey 4, Gelig 2, Ravena 0, Fran 0.

STA. LUCIA 75—Espino 16, Brown 13, Aquino 13, Omolon 11, Mendoza 8, Duremdes 6, Calimag 4, Demape 4, Cuan 0, Santos 0, Agapito 0, Tolomia 0, Gonzales 0.

Quarters: 15-17, 51-35, 67-54, 97-75.

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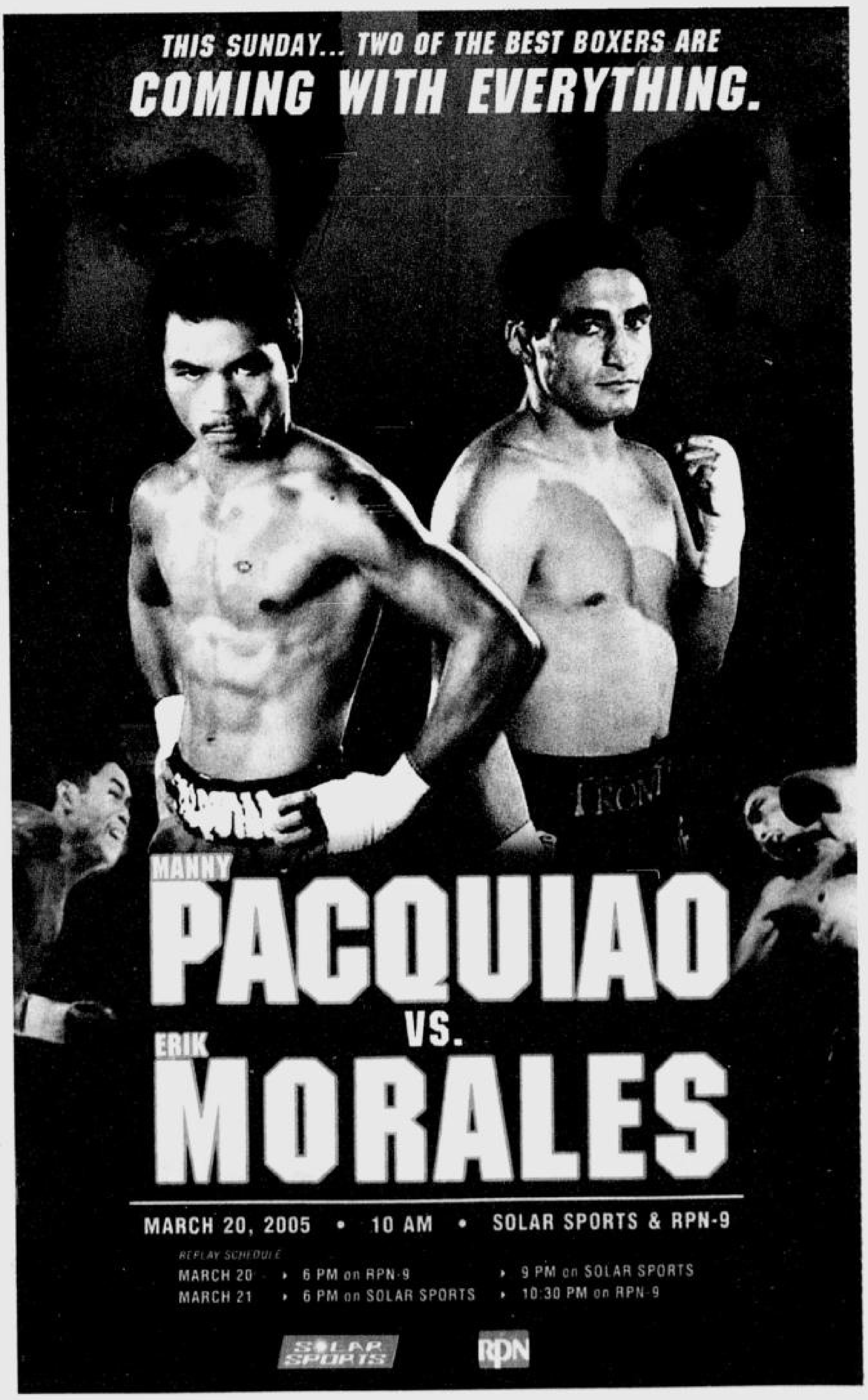
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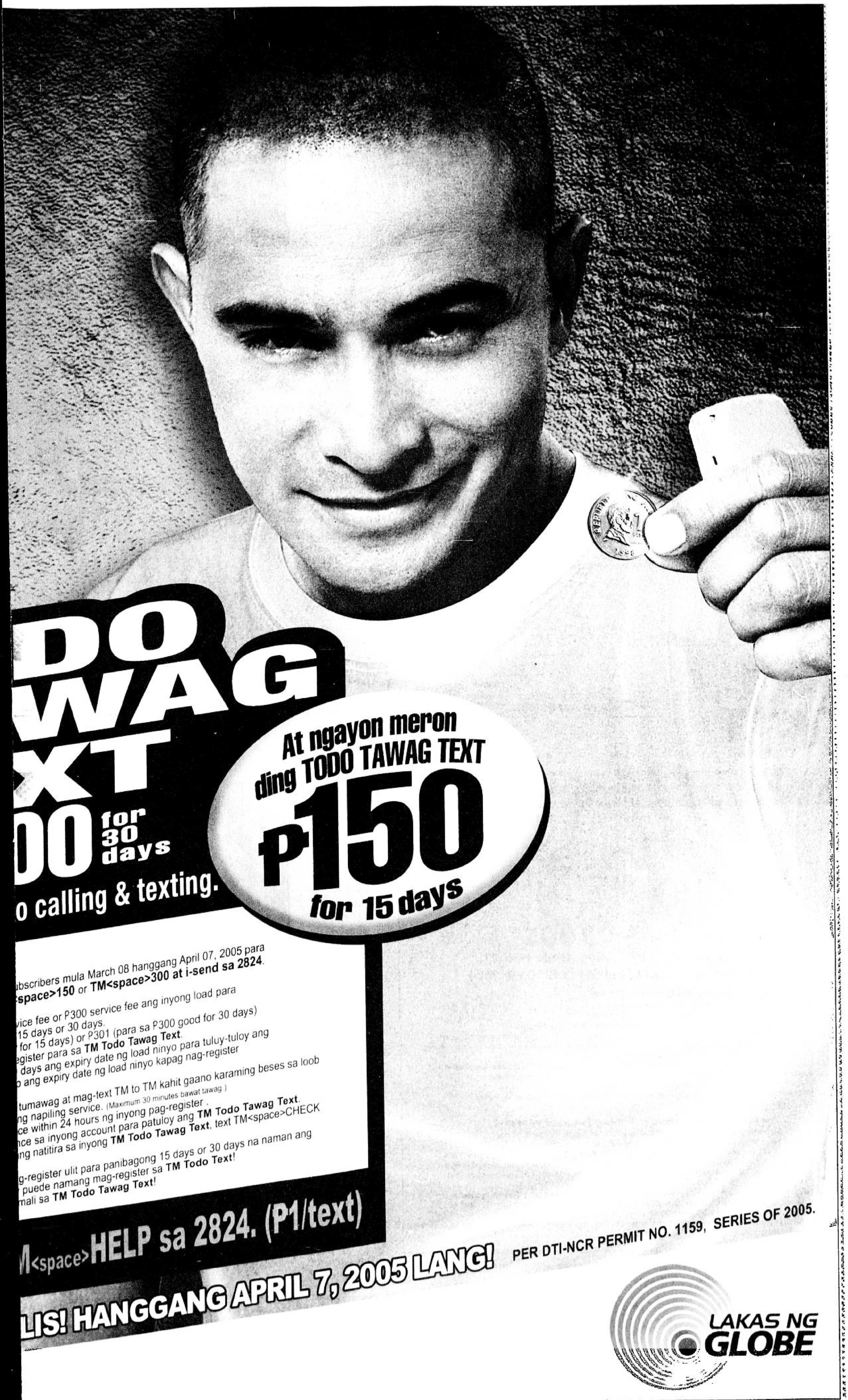

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Roddick, Henman struggle to advance

INDIAN WELLS, California—Third seed Andy Roddick and last year's runner-up Tim Henman survived tough opening matches at the Pacific Life Open Masters Series event on Saturday.

By contrast, world No. 1 Lindsay Davenport and Wimbledon champion Maria Sharapova cruised to victories in the women's competition.

Roddick was pushed all the way before he edged Spain's Fernando Verdasco, 6-3, 3-6, 7-6, in a second round tussle.

Troubled by the left-hander's big forehand, Roddick needed to serve smartly late in the match and played an almost error-free tiebreak to close out the contest.

"That's the biggest forehand I've ever faced," the American told reporters.

"He absolutely kills it," he added.

Henman almost wilted in the searing desert temperatures before tightening up his aggressive game in the last two sets to squeeze past Frenchman Arnaud Clement, 4-6, 6-4, 6-3.

"It was a struggle certainly to find my rhythm in all aspects of my game," said the Briton, who lost to Roger Federer in the 2004 finals. "I obviously know I need to play aggressively and take the ball on but I was making so many unforced errors."

Greg Rusedski was not so fortunate when he fell to 17th seed Fernando Gonzalez of Chile, 7-6, 7-6.

"It came down to a point here or there and that's what it's been like for me against the top players this year," Rusedski said.

Ninth seed Andre Agassi brushed aside Australian Wayne Arthurs, 6-4, 6-1.

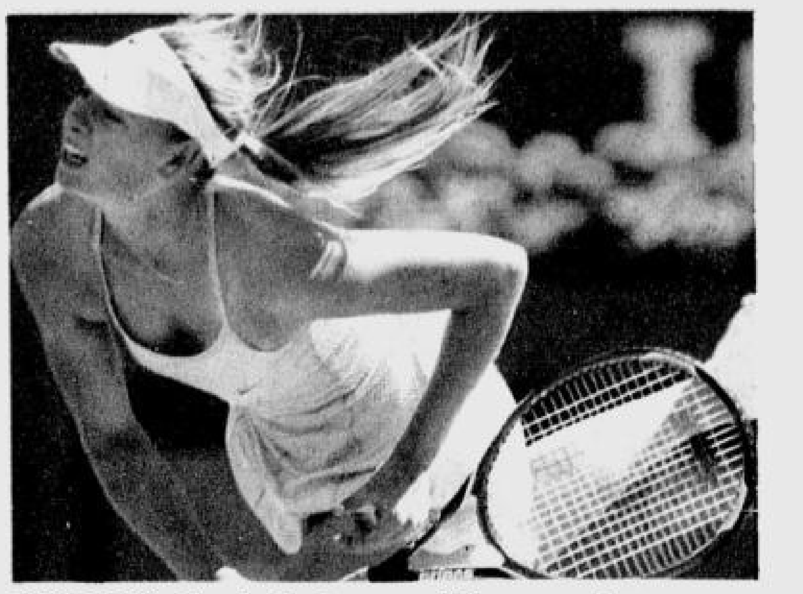
Sharapova wasted little time ousting American Angela Haynes, 6-1, 6-2, in the second round.

The Russian teenager now faces 25th-seeded Dinara Safina, who defeated American Lindsay Lee-Waters, 6-2, 6-4.

World No. 3 Sharapova restated her desire to grab the top ranking from Davenport, who put out Sesil Karatantcheva of Bulgaria, 6-3, 6-2.

"Why would you want to be No. 20 and then when you get to No. 20, you don't want to be No. 1," said Sharapova.

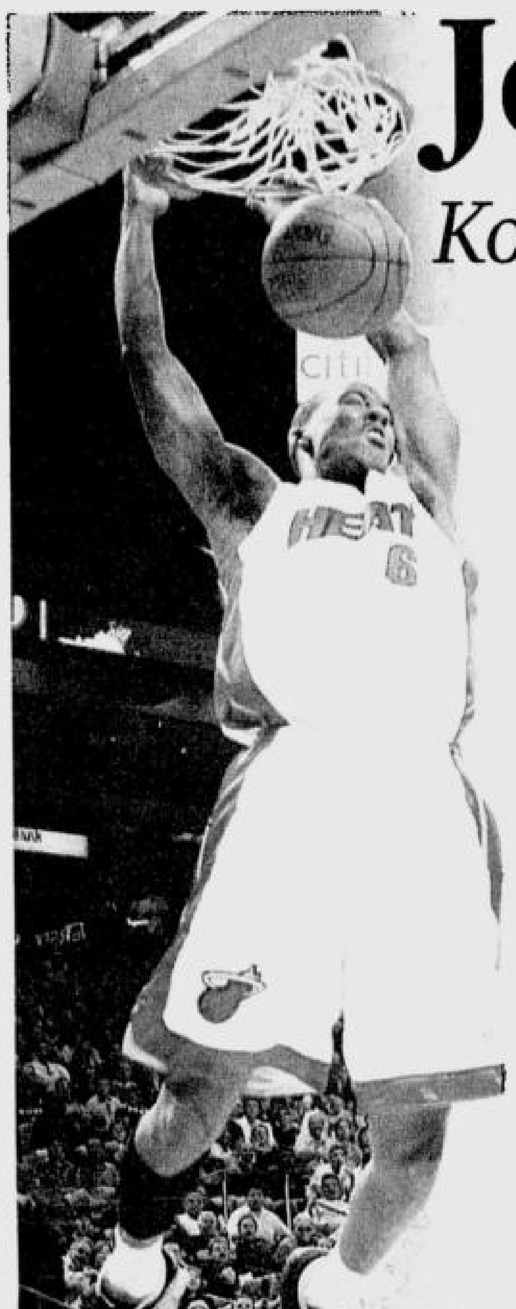
"It's like 'shoot for the moon.' If you miss, you'll still be among the stars." *Reuters*



SHARAPOVA: Shooting for the moon, shining among stars. REUTERS

Jones fires up Heat

Kobe jumper lifts Lakers past Bobcats



EDDIE Jones stuffs one home. AP

MIAMI—Eddie Jones scored 14 of his 18 points in a decisive third quarter to help the Miami Heat win their eighth straight game and 12th in a row at home, 90-65, over the New Jersey Nets on Saturday.

Shaquille O'Neal had 15 points and 11 rebounds for the Heat, who allowed their lowest point total of the season. Damon Jones added 15 points and Dwyane Wade 13.

Vince Carter scored 20 for the Nets, who managed just 26 points in the second half and lost for the fourth time in five games.

Miami took its record to 48-16, nine games ahead of the Detroit Pistons in the Eastern Conference overall standings.

The Heat also improved to 27-5 at home while allowing their lowest points total of the season.

Lakers 117, Bobcats 116

At Charlotte, North Carolina, Kobe Bryant hit a long jumper with 0.9 seconds left to cap a 21-point fourth quarter in the Los Angeles Lakers' victory over the expansion Charlotte Bobcats.

Bryant finished with 32 points—21 in the final period—and nine assists for the Lakers, who trailed much of the way.

Bryant, known for his ability to make big shots with the game on the line, took an inbounds pass just above the circle, used a pump fake to get Keith Bogans in the air and nailed the winning shot.

Chucky Atkins added 26 points to give Los Angeles consecutive road wins for the first time this season. The Lakers beat Dallas on Thursday in the first game of a six-game trip.

Brevin Knight, back in the Charlotte lineup after missing three games with a sprained ankle, had 21 points and 17 assists, and rookie Emeka Okafor had a career-high 30 points and 11 rebounds.

Warriors 105, Hawks 92

At Atlanta, Mike Dunleavy and Jason Richardson each scored 22 points and the Golden State Warriors set a team record with 18 3-pointers in their victory over the Atlanta Hawks.

Dunleavy was 6-for-7 from 3-point range, and Baron Davis went 6-for-10 and scored 20 points. The Warriors became the fifth team to fall one 3-pointer shy of the NBA record set by Atlanta in a 107-93 victory in Dallas on Dec. 17, 1996.

Josh Childress led the Hawks with 18 points, and Al Harrington had 17.

Hornets 111, Bucks 107

In New Orleans, J.R. Smith made three free throws in the final 4 seconds and finished with 17 points for New Orleans.

Dan Dickau also scored 17 points, P.J. Brown had 16 points and 13 rebounds, and Lee Nailon had 16 points. Michael Redd led Milwaukee with 29 points.

Nuggets 90, Spurs 87

In San Antonio, Carmelo Anthony made a 14-foot jumper and a pair of free throws down the stretch to lead Denver to its eighth straight win.

Kenyon Martin led the Nuggets with 23 points, and Anthony finished with 21.

Tony Parker had 25 points for San Antonio, which played without Tim Duncan and Manu Ginobili for a second straight game.

Trail Blazers 80, Grizzlies 66

In Portland, Oregon, Shareef Abdur-Rahim had 25 points and 10 rebounds to help give Kevin Pritchard his first victory as Portland's interim head coach.

Pritchard, the team's director of player personnel, lost his first four games after taking over the Blazers following Maurice Cheeks' firing. Portland had lost six straight overall.

Lorenzen Wright had 21 points and 12 rebounds for the Grizzlies.

Meanwhile, Sacramento Kings center Brad Miller broke his left leg in practice Saturday and could miss the rest of the regular season.

Miller had already missed the last six games with a bruised right calf.

He was taking part in light shooting drills during practice when he suffered the injury. X-rays showed a broken left fibula. *AP, AFP*

Swede leads Qatar golf; Els 5 down

DOHA—Sweden's Henrik Stenson shot a 6-under 66 to grab a two-shot lead in the $1.5-million Qatar Masters Saturday at the Doha Golf Club.

Stanson, leads erstwhile leader Richard Green of Australia and compatriot Niclas Fasth. Green stumbled with a third round 73 while Fasth shot a 69.

South African Ernie Els, the only top-50 player in the field, had a second straight 69 to move within five shots of the lead.

In Palm Beach Gardens, Florida, Australia's Geoff Ogilvy overcame an eight-shot deficit by shooting an 8-under-par 64 to tie Brett Wetterich for the lead after three rounds at the Honda Classic on Saturday.

Wetterich, bidding for his first US PGA Tour victory, began the day alone in the lead but scrambled to a 72 and joined Ogilvy at 12-under 204.

"I just kept hitting nice shots and getting good putts," Ogilvy said.

Two-time US Open champion Lee Janzen three-putted No. 18 for a bogey to fall out of a three-way tie for the lead. A round of 72 left him 11 under and tied with Pat Perez, a fourth-year tour veteran seeking his first win.

Two shots behind was American Joe Ogilvie, who reached 10 under with a 67 and was poised to create confusion in the final round.

"We very regularly get each other's stuff in our lockers," leader Ogilvy said of the fifth-place Ogilvie. "He has probably been congratulated a few times this week for winning in Tucson, because I've been congratulated when he plays well. It's a bit of a running joke between us. We have a law firm: Ogilvy and Ogilvie." *AP*

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Teener breaks track record

FAYATTEVILLE, Arkansas—Trinidad-born Kerron Clement broke Michael Johnson's world record in the 400 meters at the US collegiate indoor track and field championships on Saturday.

Clement, 19, stunned the crowd with a 44.57-second time, breaking Johnson's mark of 44.63 set on Mar. 4, 1995, at the US Indoor championships in Atlanta.

It was the first world record set at the Randal Tyson Track Center, which opened in 2000.

Clement, who wants to become a US citizen and compete for the United States internationally, won the US collegiate 400-meter hurdles outdoors last year, and considered that his best event—until Saturday.

Clement's previous best in the 400 indoors was 45.29 two weeks ago. *AP*

COLLEGE FEVER
Washington's Nate Robinson dunks against Arizona during the final of the 2005 PAC-10 men's basketball tournament. Washington won, 81-72, as the NCAA tournament nears. REUTERS

Wells debuts with Sox

NEW YORK—David Wells made his Boston debut and began looking ahead to opening day.

Andy Pettitte is waiting to make his first start of spring training.

Wells worked two solid innings during the Tampa Bay Devil Rays' 6-4 victory over the Red Sox on Saturday, then said he'd be happy to start opening night April 3 against his former team, the New York Yankees, if Curt Schilling isn't yet recovered from offseason ankle surgery.

"I don't mind taking the ball in any game no matter what, especially a big game, and the first game of the season is going to be a big game," said Wells, who now wears No. 3, the same number one of his favorite players, Babe Ruth, wore with the Yankees.

Pettitte was scratched from his scheduled start for Houston because of a sprained right ankle after falling down some stairs at his apartment Friday.

"He's feeling pretty good today and it is not as swollen as we thought it would be," Houston manager Phil Garner said.

Pettitte tested the ankle in a brief session at the Astros' camp Saturday morning. The 32-year-old left-hander is trying to rebound from an injury-plagued 2004 season that included three trips to the disabled list because of elbow problems. *AP*

China leads badminton tilt

BIRMINGHAM, England—China will dominate the All England Championships again after filling seven of Sunday's 10 badminton finals berths and both singles.

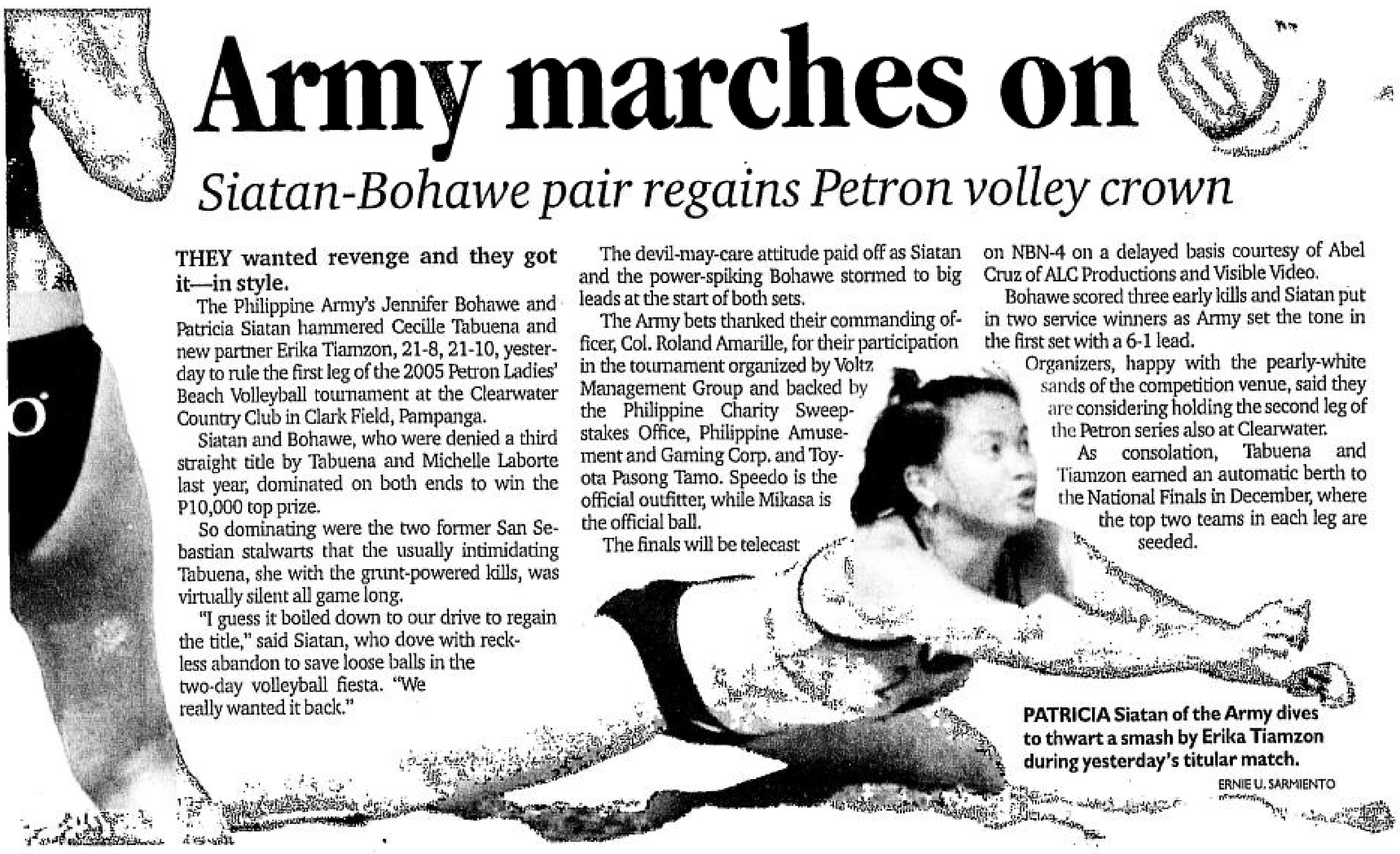
Defending champion and world No. 1 Lin Dan completed the semifinal program on Saturday in front of a capacity 4,500 crowd by beating world runner-up and ninth-seeded Wong Choong Hann of Thailand, 15-8, 12-15, 15-1.

In the finals, he will meet 2002 champion and 2003 runner-up Chen Hong, who downed Lee Chong Wei of Malaysia, 15-13, 15-10.

Women's world and Olympic champion Zhang Ning whipped Japanese star Eriko Hirose, 11-4, 9-11, 11-1, in 41 minutes, and will chase her first All England title. *AP*

Army marches on

Siatan-Bohawe pair regains Petron volley crown



PATRICIA Siatan of the Army dives to thwart a smash by Erika Tiamzon during yesterday's titular match.

ERNIE U. SARMIENTO

THEY wanted revenge and they got it—in style.

The Philippine Army's Jennifer Bohawe and Patricia Siatan hammered Cecille Tabuena and new partner Erika Tiamzon, 21-8, 21-10, yesterday to rule the first leg of the 2005 Petron Ladies' Beach Volleyball tournament at the Clearwater Country Club in Clark Field, Pampanga.

Siatan and Bohawe, who were denied a third straight title by Tabuena and Michelle Laborte last year, dominated on both ends to win the P10,000 top prize.

So dominating were the two former San Sebastian stalwarts that the usually intimidating Tabuena, she with the grunt-powered kills, was virtually silent all game long.

"I guess it boiled down to our drive to regain the title," said Siatan, who dove with reckless abandon to save loose balls in the two-day volleyball fiesta. "We really wanted it back."

The devil-may-care attitude paid off as Siatan and the power-spiking Bohawe stormed to big leads at the start of both sets.

The Army bets thanked their commanding officer, Col. Roland Amarille, for their participation in the tournament organized by Voltz Management Group and backed by the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corp. and Toyota Pasong Tamo. Speedo is the official outfitter, while Mikasa is the official ball.

The finals will be telecast on NBN-4 on a delayed basis courtesy of Abel Cruz of ALC Productions and Visible Video.

Bohawe scored three early kills and Siatan put in two service winners as Army set the tone in the first set with a 6-1 lead.

Organizers, happy with the pearly-white sands of the competition venue, said they are considering holding the second leg of the Petron series also at Clearwater.

As consolation, Tabuena and Tiamzon earned an automatic berth to the National Finals in December, where the top two teams in each leg are seeded.

Antonio downs Gonzales, tops La Union chess

Final standings: 7.5—R. Antonio Jr., E. Torre, C. Garma (P50,000 each); 7.0—J. Gonzales, B. Nadera, R. Llavanes, J. Balico (P10,000 each); 6.5—F. Donguines, R. Dableo, D. Laylo, O. Dimakiling, G. Villanueva, R. Panopio Jr., N. Alisangco (P3,286 each); 6.0—O. Barbosa, R. Bancod, R. Nolte, R. Ibañez, T. Hernaez, R. Arellano, C. Castellano, A. Pacis (P875 each).

SAN FERNANDO CITY—Tournament favorite Grandmaster Joey Antonio held off overnight leader International Master Jayson Gonzales in the final round Saturday night to rule the fourth La Union Open chess championship at the Diego Silang Hall here.

The 41-year-old Antonio forced Gonzales to resign after 78 moves of a Center Counter Game and then banked on a superior quotient in the tiebreak to win the tournament over GM Eugene Torre and IM Chito Garma.

Antonio, Torre and Garma wound up with 7.5 points each and shared the pooled P150,000 prize for the top three finishers. In the tiebreak, Antonio had 55.5 points, Torre 51.5 and Garma 49.5.

Gonzales settled for a share of fourth with IM Barlo Nadera, NM Ronald Llavanes and Jerome Balico.

Torre sacrificed his queen for two rooks to beat RP Open champ NM Darwin Laylo.

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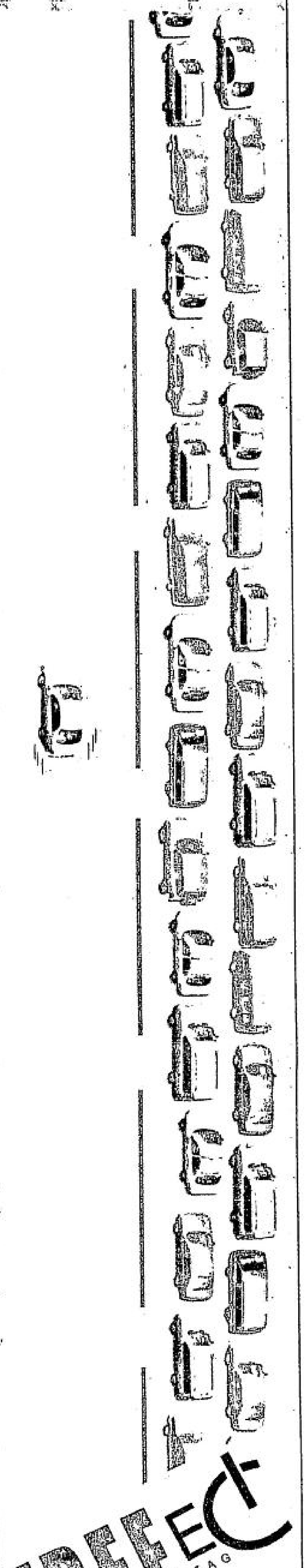

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SPORTS

Orchard ladies book first semifinal ticket in Fed League

STANDINGS (win-draw-loss)

Group I: Orchard 4-0-0, Tagaytay Highlands 2-0-3, Riviera 2-0-2, Manila Golf 1-0-4

Group II: Sta. Elena 3-1-0, Southwoods 2-1-1, Forest Hills 1-0-2, Valley 0-0-3

IRENE Tatsumi and Nancy Tsay took the deciding aggregate match as unbeaten Orchard pulled off a close 2-1 win over Manila Golf Club and barged into the semifinals in the inaugural Ladies Federation Golf League matches recently.

Tatsumi-Tsay beat Ginny Kuffer-Helen Cruz, 2-and-1, for the clincher after both teams had split the first two formats. The Cavite-based golfers posted their fourth straight victory in Group I.

Lolit Sy and Sylvia Ting claimed the first point for Orchard by winning the alternate shots but Manila Golf, which dropped its fourth straight outing, equalized through May Neri-Auring Carlos in the high-low.

Sta. Elena and Southwoods also strengthened their respective bids for the semifinals by winning away games in Group I, while Riviera bounced back into contention in Group II of the eight-team, four-month series sponsored by Prudential Bank, Justine Sebastian/Cathay Land Inc., Citibank and Schering Plough-Coppertone.

Lily Chan birdied the last hole to lift her partnership with Bea Baluyot past Violy Pegels-Jee Cabochan, 1 up, in the tiebreaking aggregate duel and earn Sta. Elena's third win in four matches. Sta. Elena needs one more win to get into the playoffs.

Lily Young-Cecile Tan won the alternate shots for Sta. Elena while Forest Hills won the high-low through Masa Tsai and Naty Toribio.

Claudine Garcia-Florence Okijama prevailed in aggregate and Connie Campos-Lilia Paterno triumphed in the alternate shots for Southwoods' 2-1 decision of Valley. Southwoods improved its record to 3-1-0 while Valley took its third straight loss.

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Cover Girl, stablemate turn back Empire King

By Edwin Villanueva, *Contributor*

COVER Girl came from behind to outlast stablemate West Bound down the stretch and capture the Commissioner's Cup yesterday at the San Lazaro Leisure Park.

More importantly, the victory that resulted into a 1-2 finish for the C&H Enterprises was fashioned out at the expense of both horses' bitterest rival —2004 Horse of the Year Empire King.

Cover Girl crossed the wire two lengths in front of West Bound, who in turn nipped Empire King by a head.

"*Maganda ang bitaw ko ngayon kaya malakas ang bulusok n'ya* (I loosened her at the right spot, so she rallied strongly this time)," said winning rider Jonathan Hernandez on his strategy atop the Khozaam-Gallant Native progeny.

ROMY HOMILLADA

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Cover Girl blasted out of the gates eighth among the 11 contenders, started passing tiring opponents at the backside and was full of running by the time he challenged West Bound, unlike in the Freedom Cup where she lost steam down the stretch.

Empire King, unable to get near the quick-footed Speed O'War and Moab in the early going, came alive only at mid-stretch but lacked the finishing kick that catapulted him to victory in the Freedom Cup at the same track.

"*Akala ko kami na eh. Pero buti naman si* Cover Girl *din ang nanalo* (I thought we had it. But it's okay Cover Girl won)," said Eldy Salvador, West Bound's partner.

It looked as if West Bound was well on the way to claiming the race as Salvador goaded him to a three-length lead at the top of the stretch, but Cover Girl outkicked the Classic Open champion.

Cover Girl, last year's best 3-year-old filly, won P600,000, while West Bound got P225,000. Empire King received P125,000 after his two-major race winning roll was snapped.

Free Wind arrived fourth, followed by Moab, Speed O'War, Ghurka, Shadowfax, Scrap of Gold, Chariot of Fire and Paramount.

Cover Girl negotiated the 1,750-meter contest in 1:50.5 (10-23.5-23.5-25.5-28), or half a second shy of Empire King's time in the FC.

The Cover Girl-West Bound tandem sold P574,290, just shy of Empire King's P574,915. Total sales was P1,347,990.

Ex-Maroons, Archers join E Basketball coach staff

FORMER standouts of the University of the Philippines Maroons and La Salle Archers are among the trainers on deck in the Coach E Basketball School's summer classes set next month. Ronnie Magsanoc and Joey Guanio, members of the 1986 UAAP champion Maroons, join Xavier Nunag, Mark Victoria and former Archers Mon Jose, Alvin Castro and Dominic Uy, among others, in the school founded by International Basketball Academy consultant and Coca-Cola coach Eric Altamirano. For inquiries, call the IBA at 631-1195, 0921-7562639 (look for Marissa) or e-mail iba_phil@yahoo.com.

SPORTSWATCH

Flores put title on the line vs tough Indon

WORLD Boxing Association-Asia Pacific (WBO-Aspac) flyweight champion Rexon Flores will defend his title against No. 1 contender Panca Silaban of Indonesia in the main draw of the "More Classic Summer Heat in Parañaque" on April 16 at the Olivarez Sports Center in Sucat, Parañaque. It would be the first defense of the 5-foot-6 Bacolod City brawler since taking the title from Thai warrior Aree Phosuwun Gym via unanimous decision on July 21 last year at the Grand Boulevard Hotel in Malate, Manila. The Cadiz City native sports an impressive 13-2-4 win-loss-draw record in 19 outings. The event organized by boxing promoter Gabriel "Bebot" Elorde Jr. and supported by More, Fortune, Family Rubbing Alcohol and Jemah Television boss Marc Roces will be aired by Jemah through IBC-13.

GCAP derby big guns out to catch Lim

VETERAN cocker Benjie Lim tries to pull away in the Cocker of the Year race when the Gentlemen Cockers Association of the Philippines (GCAP) 7-Cock Derby blasts off at the Las Piñas Coliseum at 7 p.m. tonight. More than 60 fights are scheduled in the event sponsored by Complexor 3000. Lim, well-known in the circuit for his high-breaking Lemons with whitehackle, leads the pack in the Cocker race with 20 points. But Lim is under tremendous pressure since two derby top guns, Patrick Antonio and Gov. Ito Yñares, are close behind with 18.5 and 18 points, respectively. Tony Lasala has 17.5 points while Gerry Ramos and Ferdie Lim are tied with 16.5 points each. Expected to make tonight's contest even more exciting is the participation of guest entries like former World Slasher champ Rey Briones, Melchor Caluag, Arman Santos and Blandy Tolentino. For inquiries, call 8731040 and 8743910.

Balikatan 4-cocker slated March 16

A CASH pot of P500,000 is at stake in the Balikatan 4-Cock Derby this Wednesday at the Roligon Mega Cockpit. Entry fee is P7,700. Hosts Nanding Diaz and Rommel Pascual said they have invited 50 or so participants from Metro Manila, Bulacan, Cavite, Rizal, Pampanga, Laguna, Batangas and Negros Occidental. Entries must be submitted tomorrow, from 1 p.m. to 9 p.m. For inquiries, call 833-2275, 8331638 and 8529812. Meanwhile, 60 entries have confirmed for the Cash Premyo 3-Cock Derby on Monday, March 21. To be hosted by Mario Gujelde, Tiling Capitan and Abraham Bernales, the derby stakes a guaranteed prize of P200,000 for an entry fee of P4,000.

Superfights II 'Fastest Win' stakes P1.1M

MORE than 150 fights are scheduled today as the much-awaited "Superfights II Fastest Win One-Cock Ulutan" gets under way at the Pasay City Cockpit. The first fight is set at 7 a.m. with Complexor 3000 as sponsor. At stake is a guaranteed prize of P1.1 million for an entry fee of only P2,500. Pit managers Eric dela Rosa and Butchoy Olano said the record to beat is 13 seconds flat, registered by Arnel Geronga of Bulacan, the grand champion in the 404-entry Superfights I in January. The first 20 winners today will get one sack of rice each as bonus, with the last five winners taking home a water dispenser. On Wednesday, the first 10 winners will receive one Nokia 2100 each and the last five winners, one 21-inch color TV each. For inquiries, call 8431890, 8431746 and 8166750.

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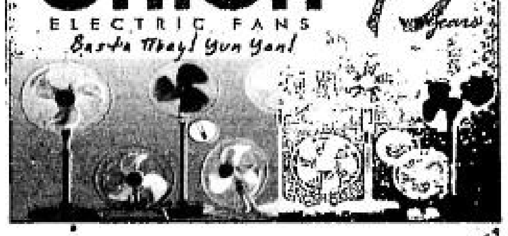
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SUMMER'S HERE! ABS-CBN sets the mood for the season with its new station ID, "Ka-summer ang Kapamilya," which presents the network's biggest stars on city streets and in famous summer destinations. Director Onat Diaz and cinematographer Shayne Sarte collaborated on this project that gathered almost 200 entertainment and news personalities, including Ai-Ai, Maricel Soriano, Dolphy and sons. "Ka-summer" was launched yesterday on ABS-CBN stations.

Does Lotlot live here?

LIPA CITY—Actress Lotlot de Leon has reportedly been sighted at the residence of Ramon Recto, older half brother of Sen. Ralph Recto. Is she now living here?

That's the question being asked by Lipeños who have seen her on the property, at times watering the plants.

DID YOU KNOW...

INQUIRER sources in Miracle Heights Subdivision said they were "positive" that it was Lotlot, estranged wife of actor Ramon Christopher Gutierrez.

A resident who requested anonymity said she would see Lotlot most mornings in Recto's garden.

The actress campaigned for Recto when he ran for Congress last May.

He denied there was something between them, but said anything was possible, since he was legally separated.

Lotlot is currently working on episodes of an ABS-CBN telenovela at the Casa de Segunda less than a kilometer from Recto's place.

But Lilet Malabanan, curator of Casa de Segunda, said she had never seen Recto on the set.

The INQUIRER tried, but failed, to get a statement from Recto. *Mei Magsino-Lubis, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

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And now, 'Imelda,' the musical

By Ruben V. Nepales
LA Correspondent

INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

LOS ANGELES—After months of talent searches and auditions, the cast of "Imelda: A New Musical," opening in May in Los Angeles, was recently announced.

Three Filipino-American actors and one Filipino-Canadian thespian are playing the principal characters.

Liza del Mundo, who appeared in an LA production of Jessica Hagedorn's "Dogeaters," landed the plum role of Imelda Marcos. The actress has starred in regional productions of "The King and I" and "Cabaret" and plays at the Sipa (Search to Involve Pilipino Americans) Performance Space and The Colony Theatre.

Del Mundo has also appeared in plays by East West Players, a pioneering Asian American theatre company, which presents the world premiere of the "Imelda" as the final production of its 39th anniversary season.

The much-awaited show opens on May 11. It features a script by Sachi Oyama, music by Nathan Wang, and lyrics by Aaron Coleman. Tim Dang directs.

Giovanni Jose Ortega plays the late President Ferdinand Marcos. The actor's stage credits include "Evita," "Chicago" and "South Pacific."

Antoine Diel, who essays the role of Benigno "Ninoy" Aquino, also appeared in a production of "Dogeaters." He performed in the world premiere of Los Angeles Opera's "On Gold Mountain" and in regional productions of "The King and I," "Into the Woods" and "Merrily We Roll Along."

Portraying Corazon "Cory" Aquino is Myra Cris Ocenar. The actress' credits include roles in "Much Ado About Nothing," "The Best Little Whorehouse in Texas," "Romeo and Juliet" and plays by Actors Alley Theater, East West Players and Shakespeare Orange County.

Award-winning director Dang told INQUIRER Entertainment: "The depth of talent within the Filipino community is fantastic. We have a stellar cast and I look forward to working with all of them."

He said he was very impressed with Del Mundo: "She is a very good singer, actress and dancer. Above all, she is charismatic, which the role definitely requires. We want to show Imelda as a human being on her journey to being an iconic figure."

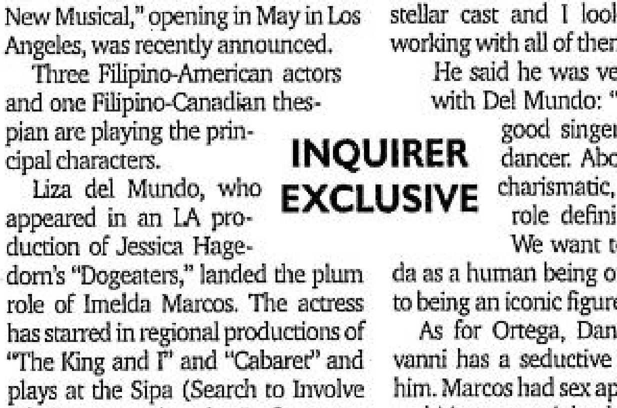
As for Ortega, Dang said: "Giovanni has a seductive charm about him. Marcos had sex appeal, wit, and ambition—certainly the things that [magnetized] Imelda."

Of Diel, Dang, who is also East West's artistic director, said: 'Antoine is more boyish [than Ortega], perfect for Ninoy's role. He has a big singing voice, which becomes very important as he challenges the Marcos platform."

The director also revealed that Ocenar sang the character Cory's big song, "Myself, My Heart" for her audition. "When Myra finished singing," Dang said, "there wasn't a dry eye in the room." Ocenar is a Filipino-Canadian living in the US. She was born in Manila.

The other Fil-Am actors in the cast are: Rinabeth Apostol, Louise Marie M. Cornillez, Evan D'Angeles, M.J. Deocariza, Ramona DuBarry, Bryan Geli, Golda Inquito, Marc Macalintal, Michael C. Palma, Theresa Pedrena, Annie Katsura Rollins, Joe Santiago and Jenni Selma.

After it opens in May, "Imelda: A New Musical" will run through June 5 at the David Henry Hwang Theater, Union Center for the Arts, located in downtown LA. Preview performances are from May 5 to 8. Tickets and information are available through www.eastwestplayers.org.



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‘The Contender’ scores a knockout

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

THE HOT new reality-sports show, “The Contender,” started telecasting last Tuesday night and quickly made it clear that it was settling in for a good, long run with viewers.

True enough, the show is a certified hit with viewers in the States. What is it about the program that appeals to viewers and involves them in its search for the best amateur boxer in the world?

The presence of **Sylvester Stallone**, the original aspiring boxing champ in “Rocky,” has something to do with it. Stallone’s Rocky character remains his signature personal event after all these years, so he gives the search’s 16 young pugilists a touchstone, an icon to emulate.

We can even go before “Rocky” and see a subliminal link to—**Marlon Brando** in “On the Waterfront”! It’s the show’s title, “The Contender,” that gives the subtle connection away. We believe that it pointedly refers to Brando’s famous line in “On the Waterfront”:

“You don’t understand! I could’ve had class. I could’ve been a contender! I could’ve been somebody, instead of a bum, which is what I am.”

Aside from its “subtextual” emotional links to inspiring icons like Stallone and Brando, the show is eminently viewable because the fighting level of its finalists is high. They’re all well-trained and fiercely motivated, and are uniformly gung-ho about winning the tilt’s $1M plum.

In addition, the show makes it a point to lace its visualization with individual backgrounders on the finalists that make it clear how much is at stake in urgently personal terms for each of them.

This involves viewers in more than just the show’s fisticuffs, and enables the program’s creative staff to go into effective docu-drama sequences that hit viewers where they live and breathe—and dream.

Last Tuesday, the action was particularly dramatic because the five-round match that ended the episode was between a Mexican tyro and the vastly more experienced National Amateur Boxing organization’s current champion.

Cannily, the show gave their match a David vs Goliath kind of dramatic spin, so viewers got a real surge when the “impossible” did happen: the Mexican “upstart” won!

The victory was clearly the triumph of heart over technique, so it gave the episode an emotionally strong conclusion. But that early success has given the program a problem: How is it going to top or at least match that emphatic high point in its succeeding telecasts?

In any case, the show also gets good marks for opening up its action to much more than just that indoor five-round match at the end of each telecast. In some instances, it even comes off like a short narrative film that takes viewers into the young boxers’ homes and hearts.

NVC summer workshop

THE NEW Voice Company’s summer workshops begin in March 28, and will run for eight weeks. Culminating showcases are set on May 20 at the Republic of Malate Theater.

Classes are Musical Theater for kids, Teens and Adults (M-W-F) and Acting for Teens and Adults (T-TH). NVC Artistic Director **Monique Wilson** will be co-teaching the classes for two weeks, and will supervise the culminating showcases.

NVC takes pride in the training it provides for young and new artists. Its workshops reflect the serious vision of the company to hone exciting new talents to be the future pioneering artists on the theater scene. Call 896-6695, e-mail nvc@pacific.net.ph or log on to www.newvoicecompany.com.

Center recollection

FROM 1 to 5 p.m. on March 22, the Office on Women of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines is holding a Center Recollection at the auditorium of the Pamantasan ng Lungsod ng Maynila, in observance of the Lenten season and International Women’s Year.

The recollection will feature a screening of Mel Gibson’s “The Passion of the Christ” and a talk by Fr. Mario Sobrejuanite, SSP, which will, among other topics, discuss the celebrated film and the moving events that it depicts, as seen through the eyes of Mary. Call 527-1925.

New MTV VJs

ON MARCH 17, four new MTV VJs wil be chosen, as the channel’s VJ hunt comes to an exciting end. The new VJs will be picked from finalists Anna Domingo, Nicole Fonacier, Claire Olivar, Chynna Ortaleza, Rachel Piazza, Gwen Ruais, Veronica Scott, Maggie Wilson, T Arceno, Christian Esteban, Marv Luna, Srdjan Mendoza, Colby Miller, Jon Papworth, Don Puno and Drew Wolff.

The MTV VJ Finals Night at Le Pavillon on Roxas Boulevard will feature musical performances by Kjwan, Francis M, Session Road, Juan Pablo Dream and South Border. The event will air on MTV Philippines at 9 p.m. on April 10.

‘Doll Master’

“DOLL Master,” the Korean horror sensation, is now available on VCD and DVD. In the chilling film, five people are invited to a doll museum. Terror strikes when the dollmakers is found dead, and more deaths transpire. Could the dolls have gone on a murderous rampage?

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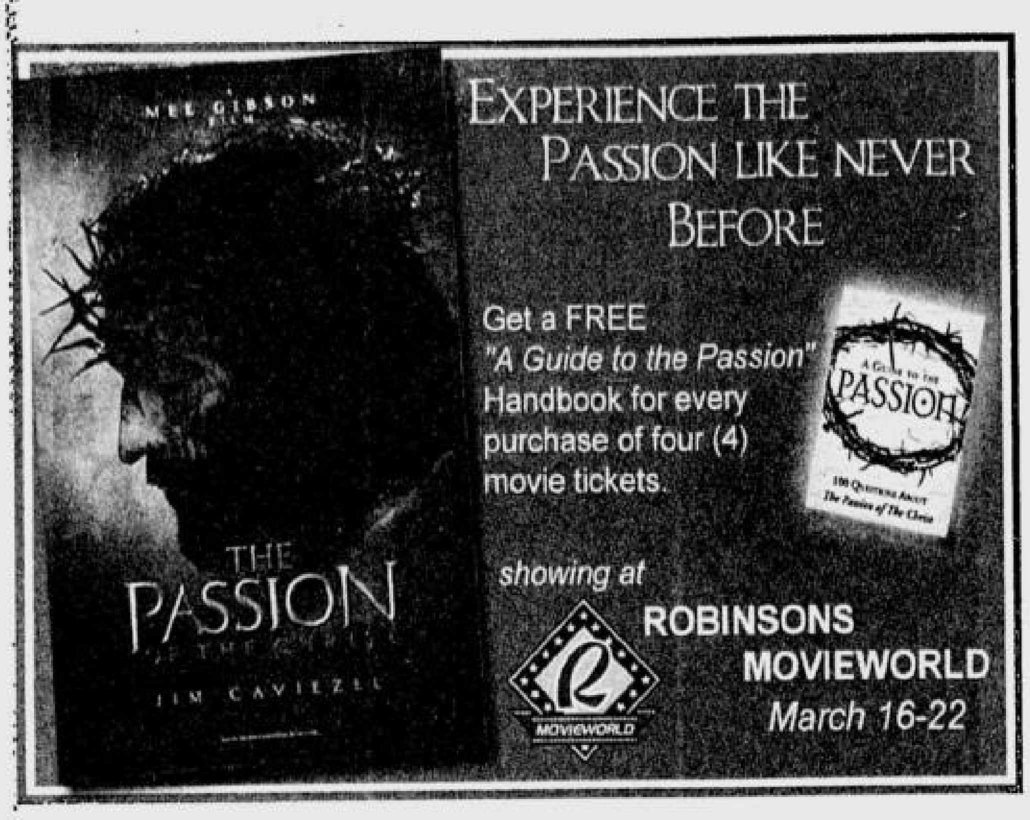
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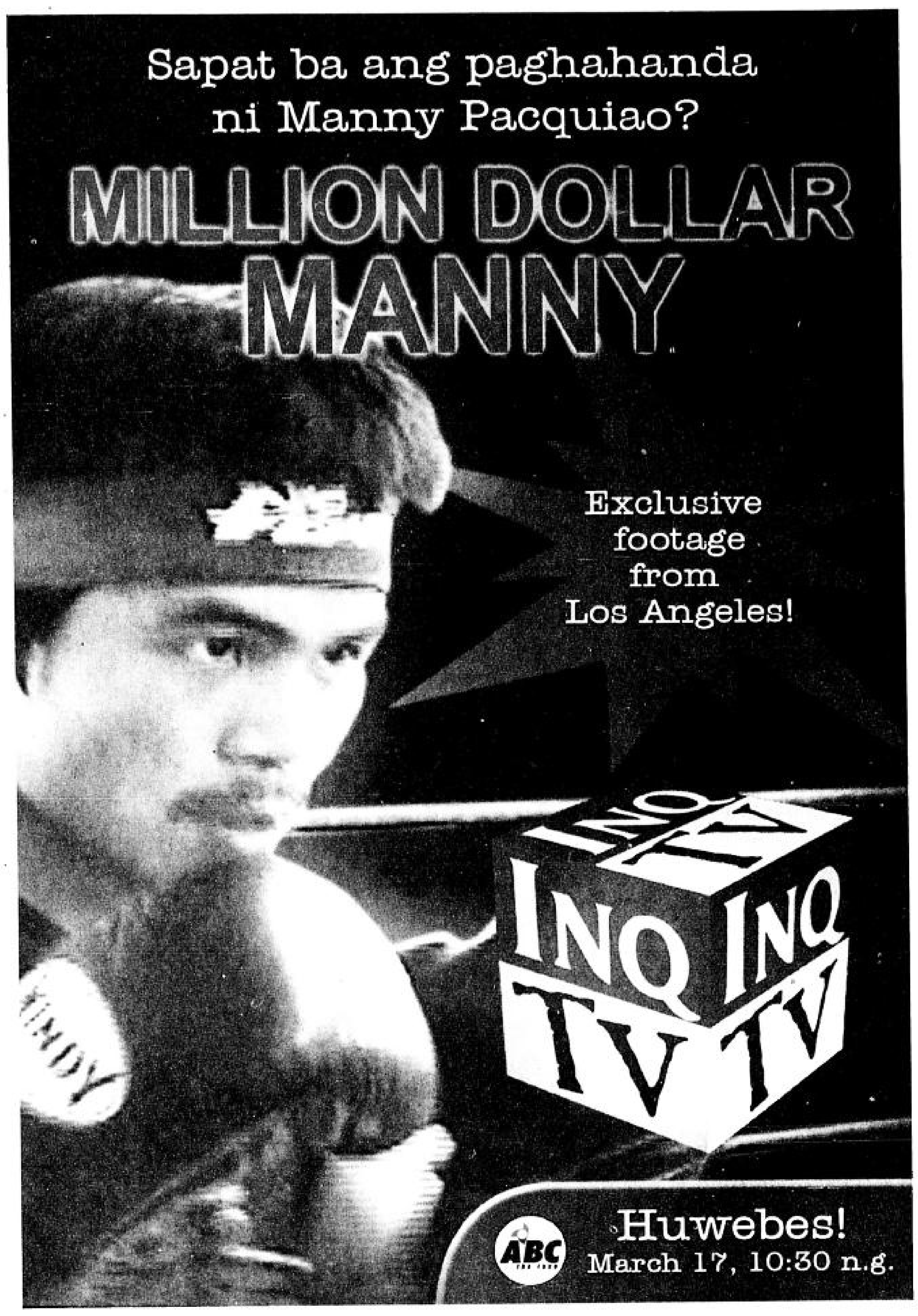
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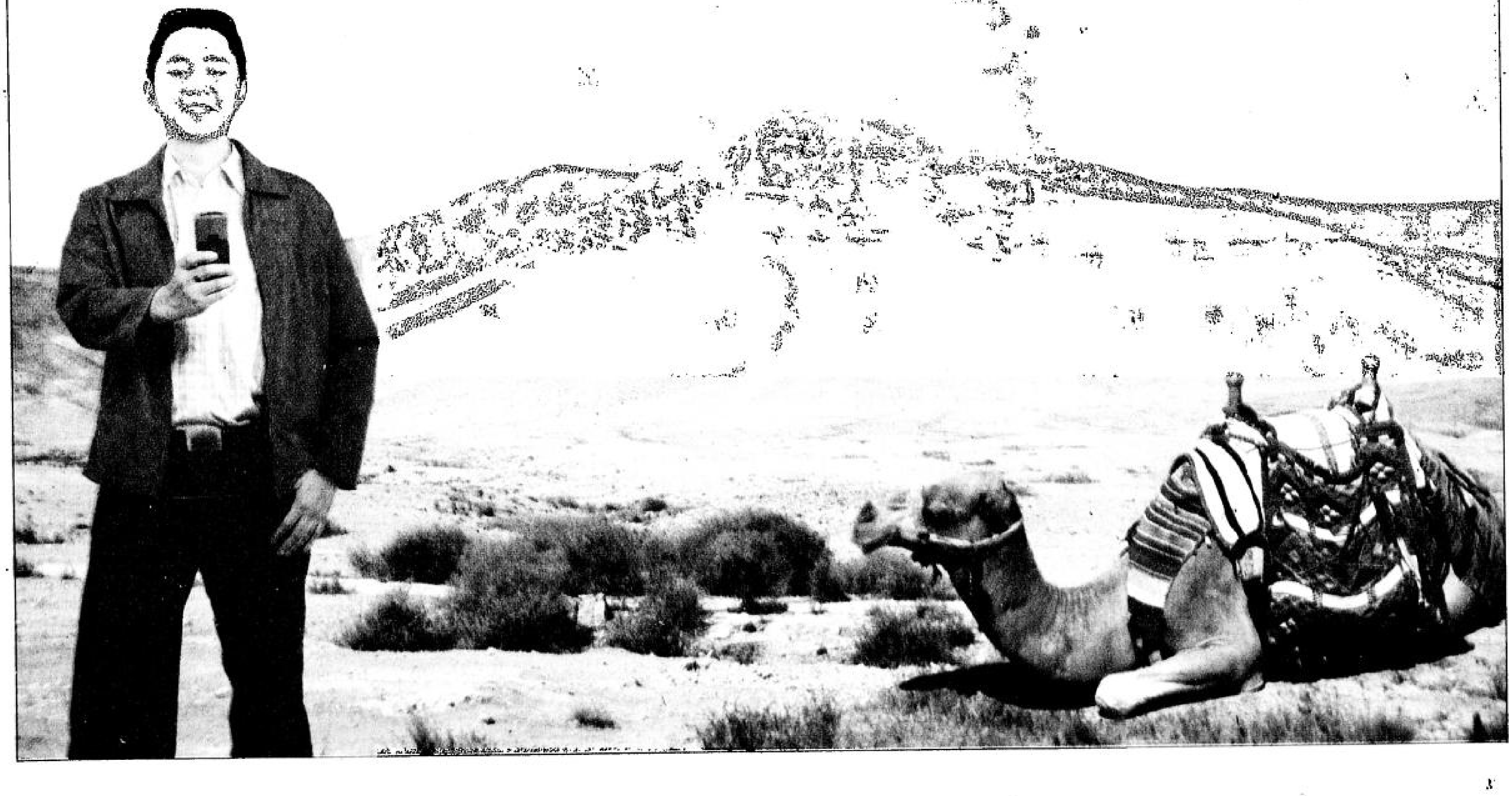

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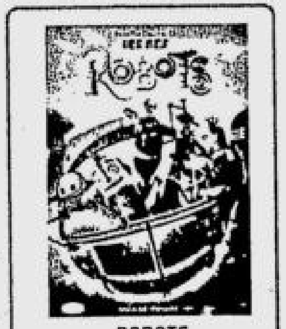
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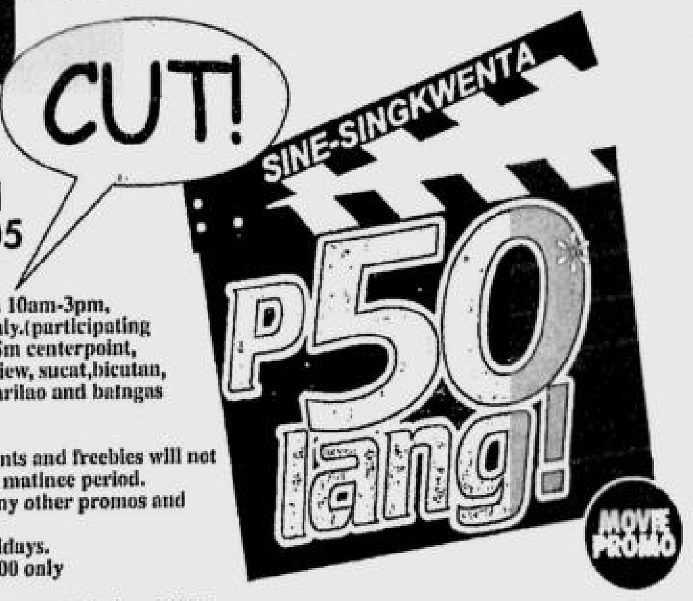
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Cursed, and feels that way

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit
Contributor

REVIEW

BACK in the '90s, the "Scream" series of movies poked fun at, and gave fitting homage to, the horror genre. Wes Craven (director of such twisted and macabre chillers as the "Nightmare on Elm Street" flicks) teamed up with screenwriter Kevin Williamson ("Dawson's Creek" creator and occasional writer) for the first two parts of the successful suspense trilogy. That match, made in silver screen heaven, seemed like a no-brainer this time around. Expectations and preconceptions were therefore high when the two reunited for the new werewolf movie, "Cursed."

We're introduced to a pair of orphan siblings, moving on with their lives after the death of their parents. Ellie (Christina Ricci) is a talk show producer in Hollywood who looks after her geeky teen brother Jimmy (Jesse Eisenberg) while pursuing a relationship with new boyfriend Jake (Joshua Jackson). Everything proceeds like clockwork: Ellie is a career woman with a bright future; Jimmy is the unceasing target of homophobic bullies; and Jake is busy with the opening of his horror-themed bar (of course).

Questions

Things go terribly wrong, also like clockwork. Ellie and Jimmie's car accidentally hits a furry beast, which sends them crashing into another vehicle. Brother and sister and the other vehicle's driver survive the crash, but the animal drags the other driver (Shannon Elizabeth) away and mauls her to death, after also inflicting wounds on Ellie and Jimmy.

Ellie, traumatized but unaware of the details of their ordeal, immediately tries to cope, but Jimmy has a lot more questions. Like any paranoid teenager, he surfs the web and concludes that the mysterious attacker was (all together now) a werewolf!

Ellie just shrugs off Jimmy's seemingly delusional ravings, until a stunningly hot (yes, she is) fortune teller (Portia de Rossi) warns her of impending danger. The fortune teller declares in loony riddles that someone close to Ellie was responsible for the attack, and was about to cause more deaths. The warning is a little too late; the siblings are already exhibiting signs of lycanthropy, or transformation into some animal.

True enough, there are people who die that are connected to the siblings, however tangentially. While Ellie's fighting off her graduation to full-fledged wolf-girl, Jimmy, shows off his growing physical strength to impress the girl of his dreams by beating up the guy of his school-time nightmares.

Well, that's about it. Much of the running time is spent on a serial-killer angle devoted to uncovering the identity of the evil werewolf, which basically repeats the premise of "Scream." But the mystery isn't that interesting or complicated to begin with. We don't care who the monster is. And when motives are explained, it really doesn't make sense.

Aw, shucks

Add to the fact that the Hansel-Gretel pair aren't sympathetic protagonists to begin with. Ricci is a fine actress but her character, however ghoulish it has become, is pretty standard and predictable. The nerd-turned-cool dude character just isn't very interesting, even as Eisenberg believably plays him like two disparate individuals.

That is the thing about "Cursed." The cast is a decent one, but confined by the script. Every red herring is obvious; every foreshadowed object or scenario might as well have been labeled with neon paint. And the climactic showdown between the good guys and the villains is not earthshaking at all, not even mildly chilling. The brother-and-sister tag team has got things covered with silverware and guts, so stupid, demonic bad guys should beware and get lost.

It could've been fun. Heck, it should've been. But "Cursed" doesn't add anything new to the werewolf sub-genre. It's just another teen movie that didn't go quite the way it should have. You can actually go prescient in many scenes; the odd editing and constantly blaring crescendos guarantee that. After seeing it, you'll feel just like the werewolf-busting orphans ... like a curse has been lifted.

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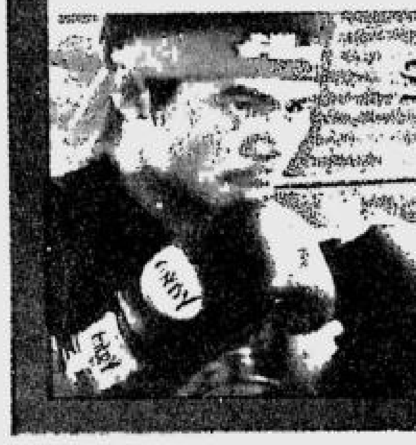
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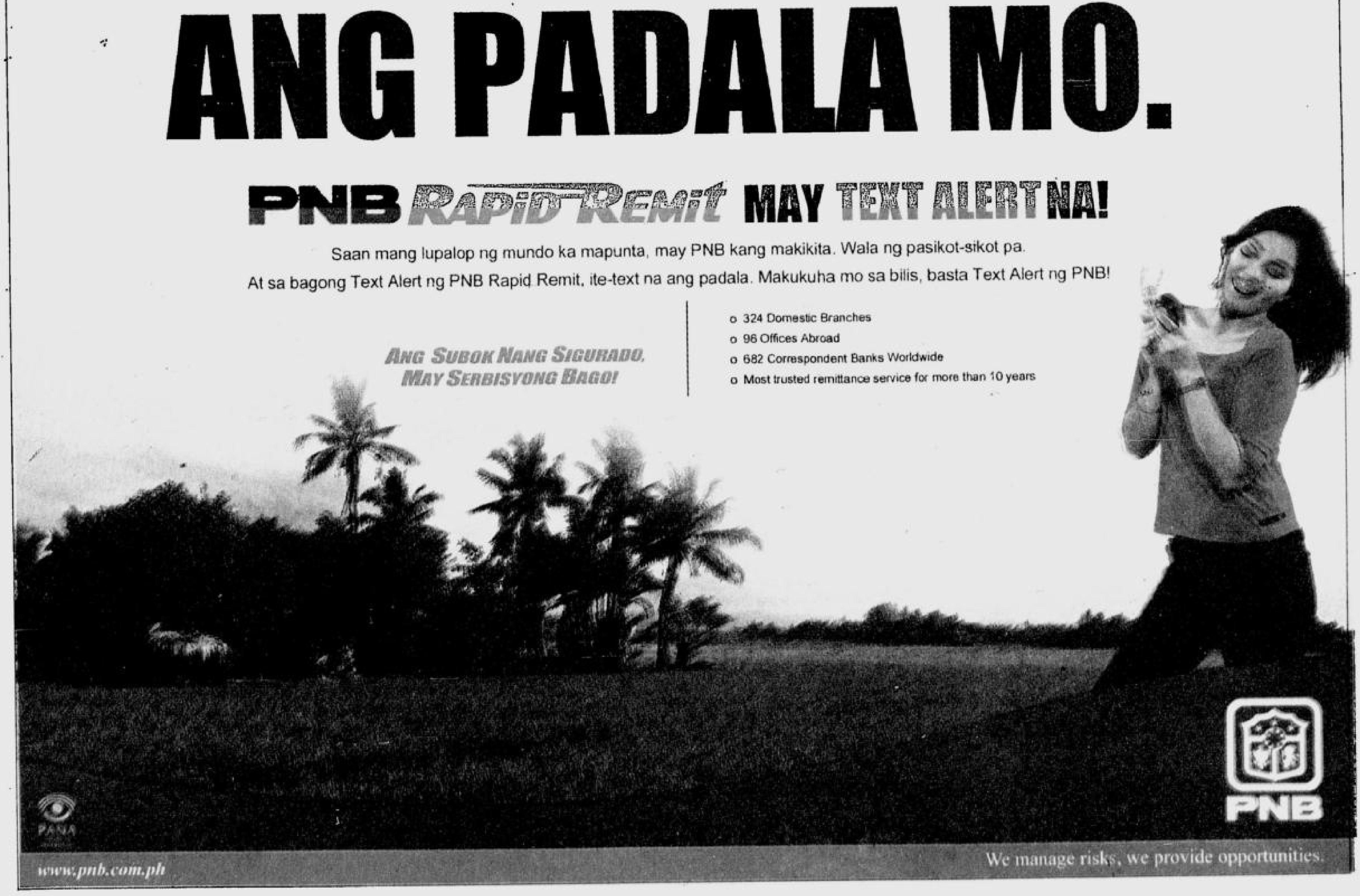

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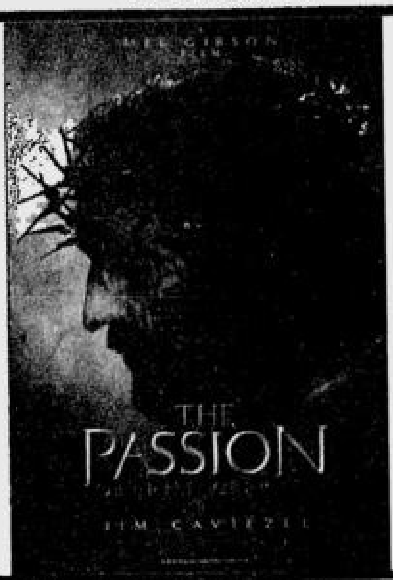

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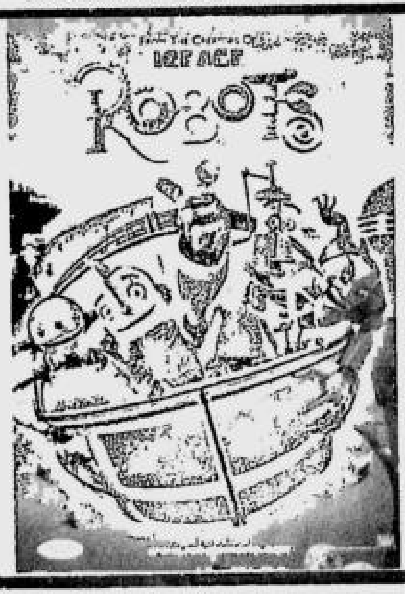
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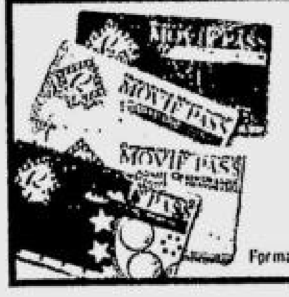

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Natalie Portman grows up

WE'VE never seen Natalie Portman like this. She smokes, she swears, she strips. She does a full split in her underwear. She gives a guy a lap dance, then spits in his face. All this in Columbia Pictures' "Closer," for which the 23-year-old actress won a Golden Globe for Best Supporting Actress.

Do you think this will ever happen to you in real life?

There are things I would experience only through a character I'm playing. It's a gift to be given the chance to do that. My job as an actor is to empathize, to look at people and understand what their life must be like.

But do you feel like an adult now?

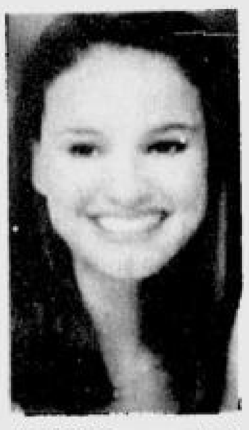
I'm at that stage in my career where I feel I can go to places I'm unfamiliar with and explore parts of myself without being afraid. With "Closer," I finally felt like I reached a point where I trusted my own opinions more than what other people thought. That was the point where I felt safe enough to do things that might give people a certain opinion of me in terms of sexuality and adulthood.

Where did you learn pole dancing?

In a London strip club. It was fun! I have a whole new respect for pole dancers [now] because it takes a lot of skill and is physically demanding, a combination of dance and acrobatics.

How sexy is "Closer"?

Actually, it is a very moral tale. It examines the way people have relationships and how they sometimes get so lost in these interactions that they become insensitive to the other's feelings. It's kind of like, "I'm in love. I can be irrational now. It doesn't matter who I hurt." So love becomes this weird excuse for doing a lot of hurtful things to other people."



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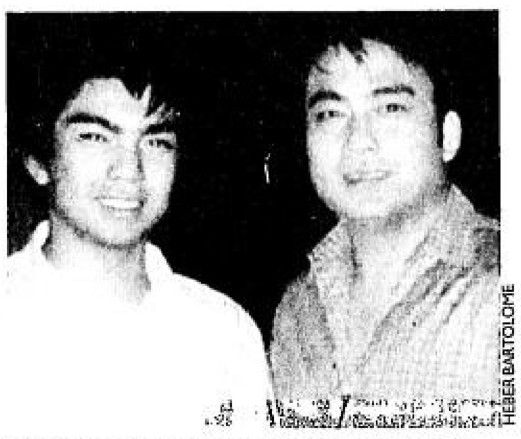
Jolo Revilla: Parenting is not easy

By Nini Valera


FATHER and son are clear about everything.

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SEN. BONG Revilla is downplaying tabloid reports that Rosanna Roces may no longer allow their grandson, Jose Gabriel—child of his son Jolo and her daughter Grace—to visit the Revilla home. The baby had gotten sick after his last visit.

"Okay *naman kami ni* Osang," Bong told INQUIRER Entertainment on Thursday.

But tabloid reports said Osang earlier exchanged text messages with Lani Mercado, Bong's wife, complaining about the baby's condition.

"It's normal for a baby to get sick [sometimes]," Bong said.

Jolo refused to talk about the incident. But he admitted that he would miss his son if plans for him to go to the US to study pushed through.

The young Revilla, who will turn 17 on March 18, said he was playing his father role the best way he knew how.

"I give financial support. I pay for the *yaya*. I buy the milk. I go with the baby to the pediatrician and pay for the check up. Grace only went with the baby once. *Ako na lang daw. Kaya ko naman daw* (She said I could handle it)," said Jolo.

The baby is now 2 months old.

"I am doing it on my own," Jolo said. "I'm not getting any help from Dad. He told me that Grace and the baby are now my responsibility. I don't mind doing my part."

Stalled career

But he admitted that parenting is not all that easy for him, especially because he's young, with a show biz career that has been stalled. He had to dip into his savings to support the baby, he said.

"All the shows that ABS-CBN had planned for me were cancelled," Jolo confided. "But that's okay."

Jolo has a build-up contract with ABS-CBN that has apparently been put on hold.

The plan now is to send Jolo to school in the US, according to Bong.

"The whole family is going there next week," the senator said. "I will look for a school for Jolo and for someone to look after him if he remains there to study."

Jolo said he planned to take up Political Science, leading to a law degree or Public Administration.

"I told him to focus on his studies," said Bong. "It's different if you've studied in the States. At the same time, he would be away from show biz. Being an actor also gets in the way of Jolo having a normal life."

Big burden

Bong revealed that this would be the first time that one of his children—he has six with wife Lani—would be away from them.

'Jolo also feels bad about it," said Bong.

He said that the pressure of carrying his and his father, Ramon Revilla's name, was also a big burden for Jolo.

"It's a big responsibility for him. He would always be compared to my Dad and to me," Bong said.

Offering Jolo a father's advice, Bong said that the best thing for his son to do is study—hard.

"This is an opportunity for him to fulfill what my Dad and I didn't achieve," Bong noted. "I told him to become a lawyer. Anyway, we're in politics and public service."

He said he warned Jolo that he would wring his neck if he got into another "situation." Marriage to Grace was still not an option for his son, Bong said. "They are still very young."

He clarified that he would not object to Jolo marrying Grace "at the right time."

"Very [few] young marriages work," he said.

Missing the baby

Jolo and Grace do not live together. Grace, who lives with her mother Osang, has custody of the baby. Bong's family calls the baby Gab, but Osang calls him Leone. He is brought to the Revilla home "whenever Osang and Grace allow it," according to Bong.

"I would like to be around him while he's growing up," said Jolo. "I miss him now. I miss him everyday."

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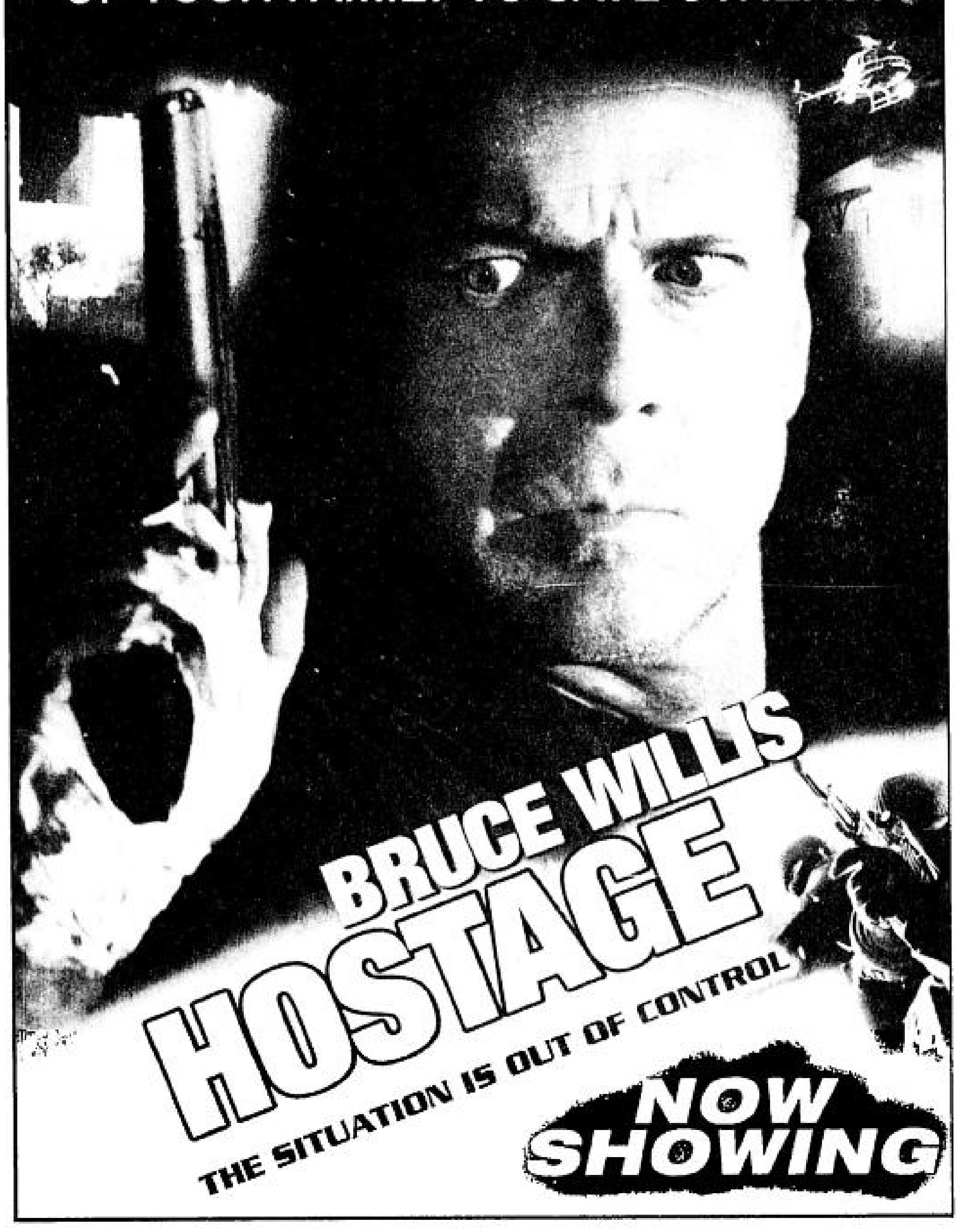

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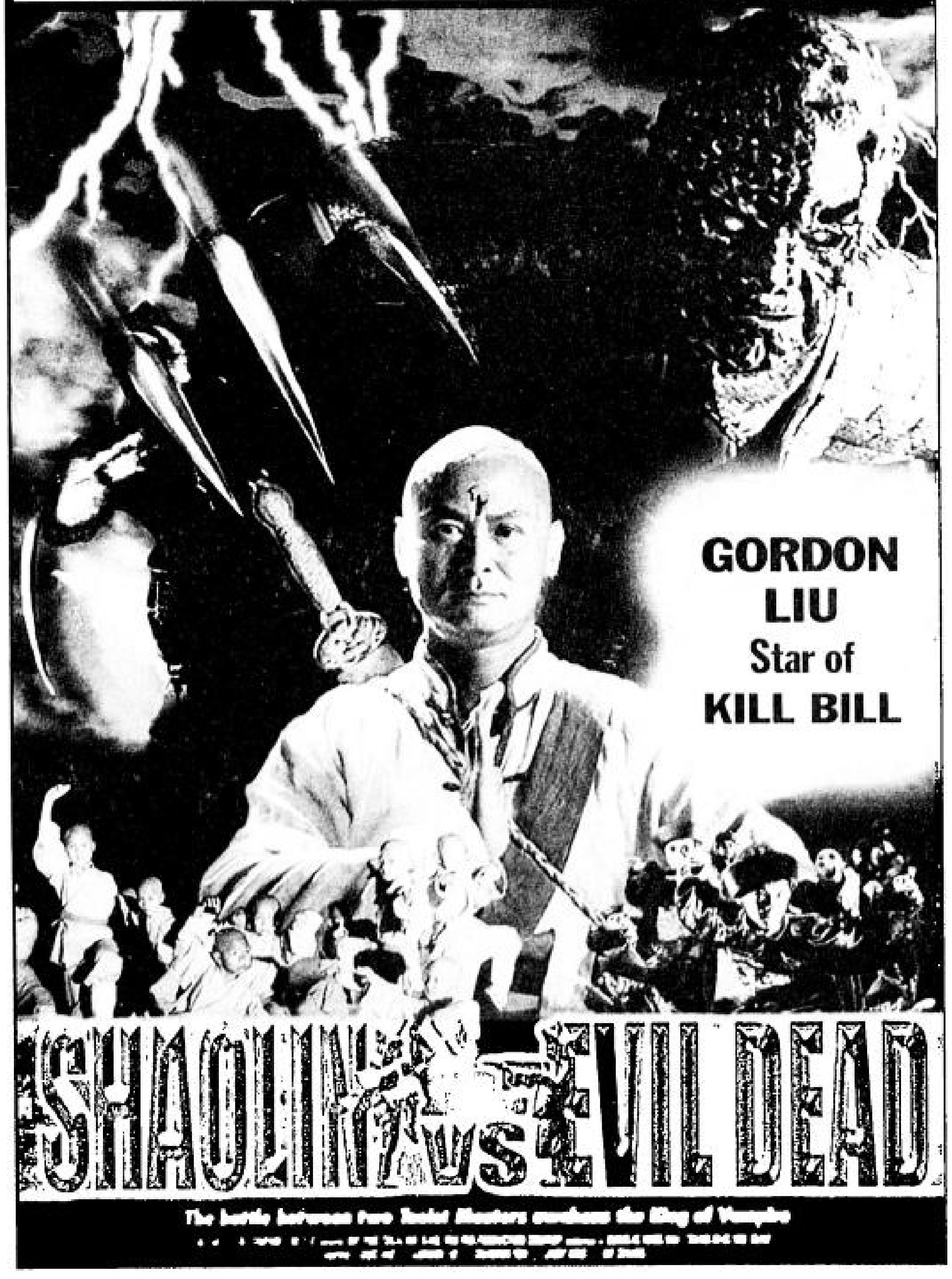
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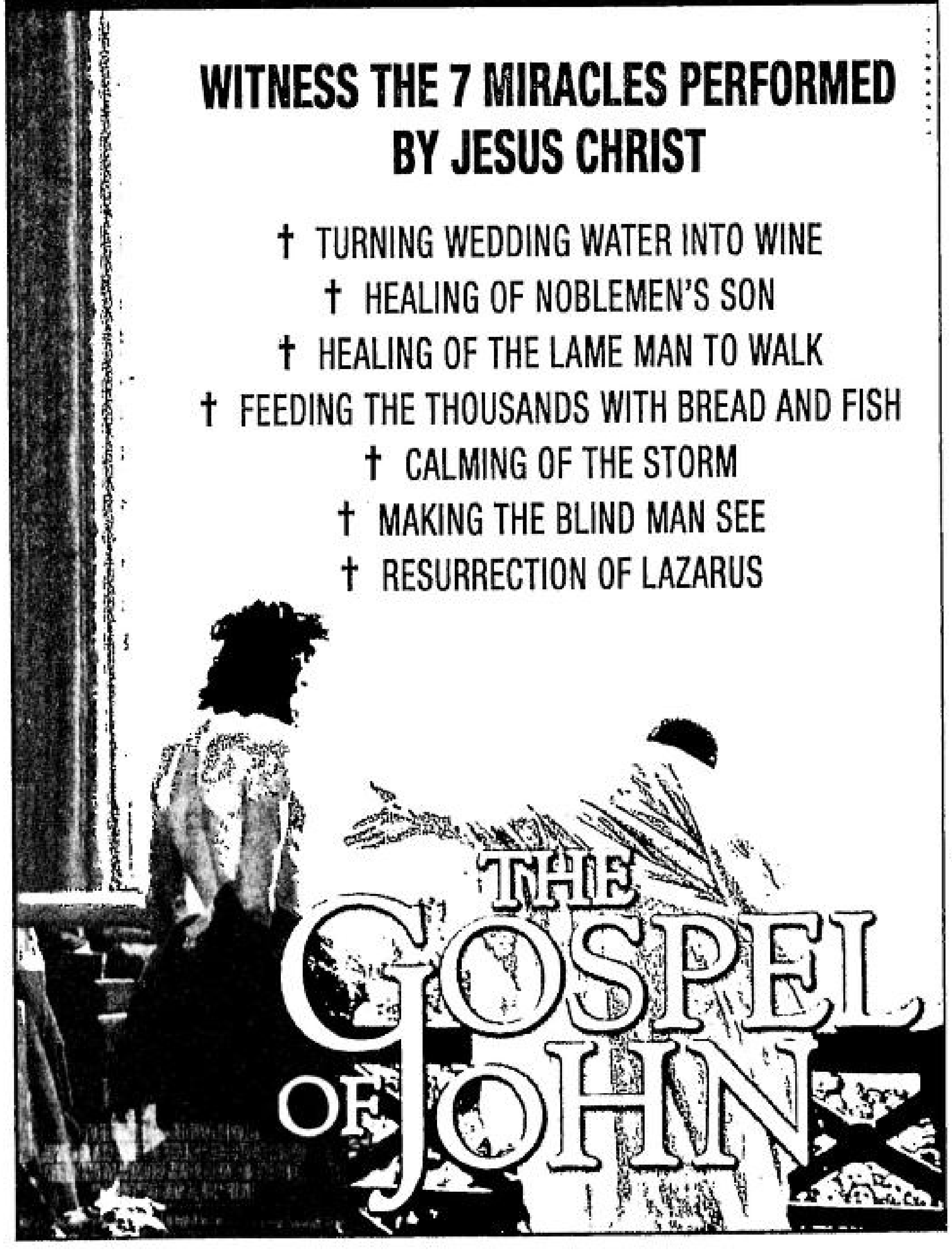

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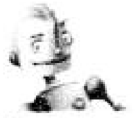
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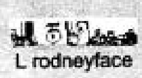
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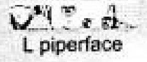
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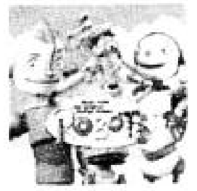

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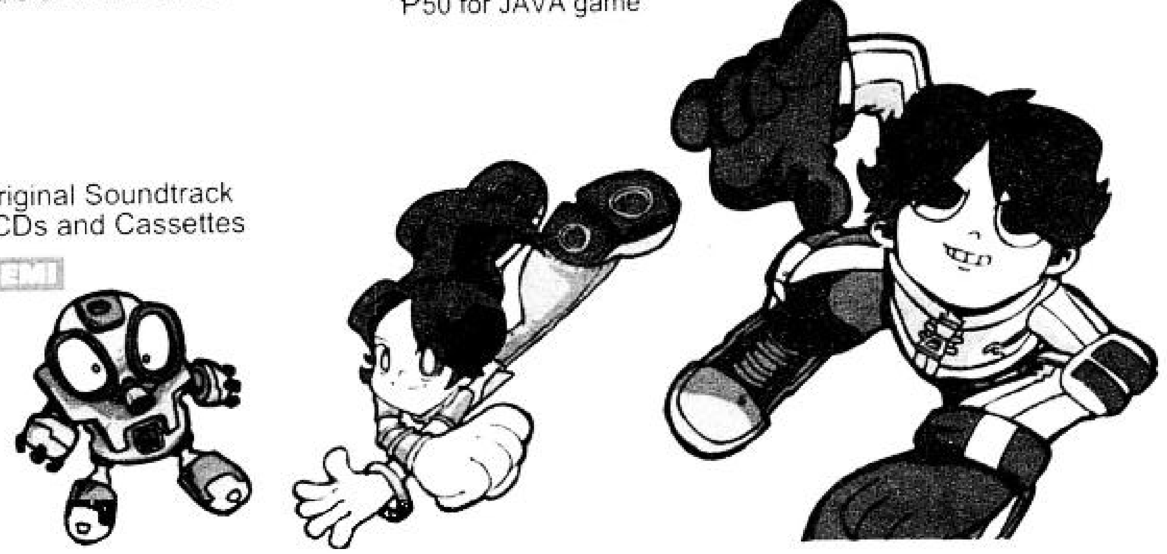

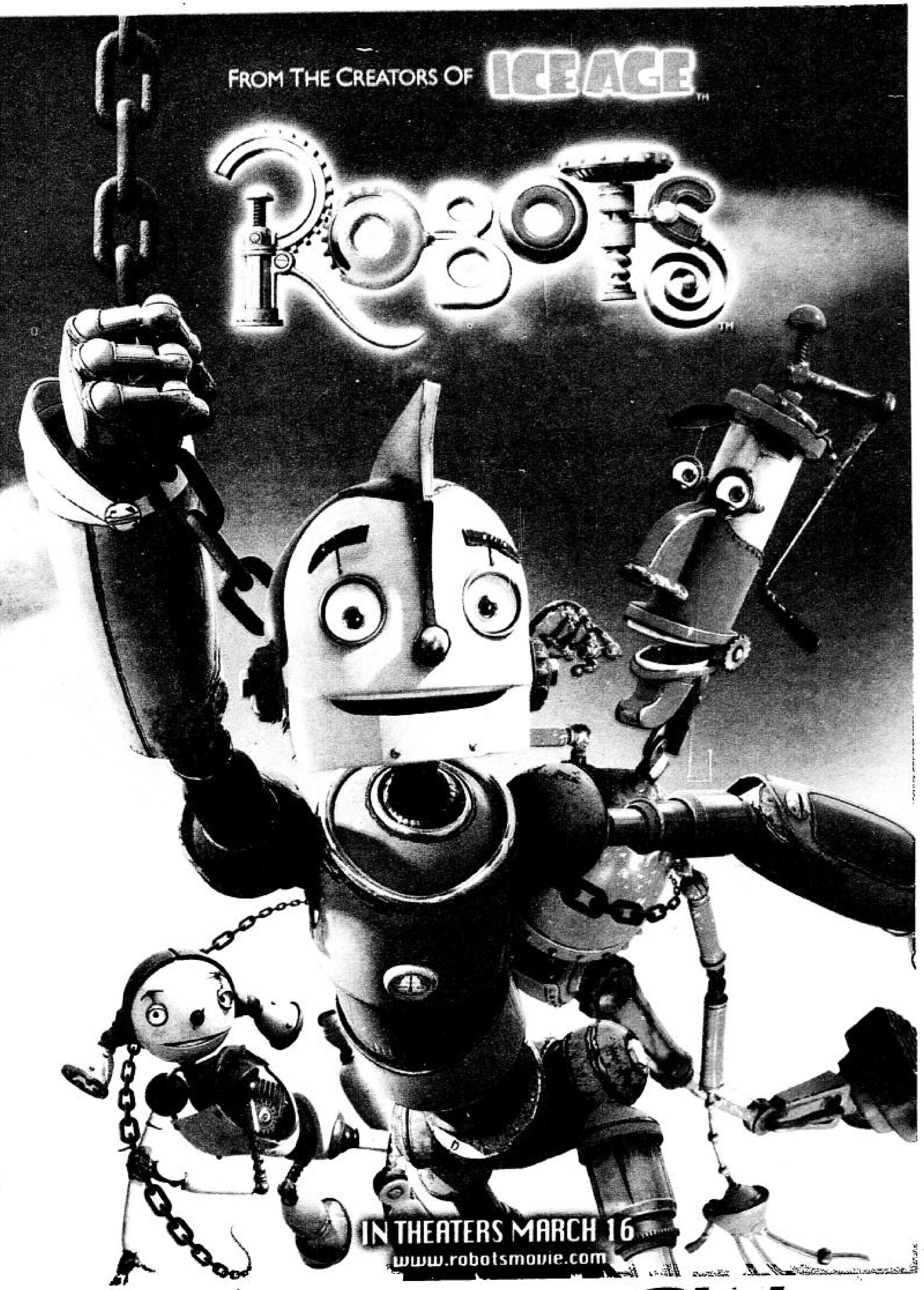

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GFIs offer to help gov't keep SMC stake

By Doris Dumlao

THE GOVERNMENT need not risk losing even a portion of its 41-percent stake in San Miguel Corp., in the on-going $300-million stock rights offering being held by the food and beverage giant.

Reynaldo David, president of the Development Bank of the Philippines, said the government could maintain its stake without spending its own money by assigning subscription rights to interested state institutions like the DBP.

David told reporters last Friday that while the bank did not own any stake in SMC, it could offer to buy shares, if the government would assign its rights to the offering. He added that the DBP could also help by lending to the Coconut Investment Industry Fund (CIIF), which could use the money to buy additional SMC shares.

Land Bank of the Philippines president Margarito Teves said his bank was also interested in helping out by lending to the CIIF. But he stressed that the Land Bank had no plans of buying SMC shares.

Some quarters believe the state should preserve its SMC stake at the present level so it can fetch a good price when the government decides to sell the block.

David said funding could come in any shape and form—lending or put-and-call. "What is important is you get it."

"Knowing that it [stock rights offering] is imminent, we have started doing our homework," he added.

The CIIF is the fund that holds in trust for coconut farmers the 27-percent stake in SMC. The fund, in turn, was among the assets sequestered by the Presidential Commission on Good Government after the Marcos regime.

State pension funds Social Security System and Government Service Insurance System held the rest of the government's SMC stake with 7 percent each.

Based on David's estimate, some P4.5 billion is needed to prevent the dilution of the 27-percent stake controlled by the PCGG through the CIIF. The SSS and GSIS would likely spend P800 million and P1.5 billion, respectively.

Asked whether the DBP would like to buy the P4.5 billion worth of shares itself, rather than lend to the CIIF, David said: "Why not? Our liquidity can easily support it."

For as long as there would be an exit strategy, David said, the DBP could afford to subscribe to the shares through an assignment of rights by the PCGG.

Albay Rep. Joey Salceda said the government would have to subscribe to SMC's stock rights offering if it hoped to command a good selling price for the combined 41-percent block.

Salceda, chair of the House Committee on economic affairs, said the assignment of shares

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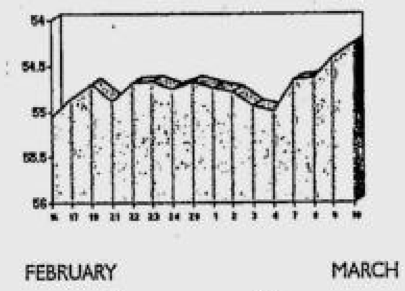

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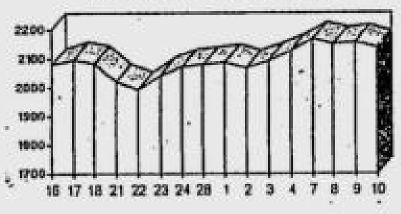

Weak market seen

THE STOCK market is expected to weaken this week as investors will likely opt to stay liquid ahead of the expected big-ticket initial public offerings (IPOs) and the forthcoming holiday.

"Everybody may be on vacation mode. The market outlook is weak until Holy Week. The IPOs have also siphoned off the funds," Joseph Roxas, president at Eagle Equities Inc., said.

Astro del Castillo , managing director at First Grade Holdings, said the market "might see some light along the way" with the likely passage of the expanded value added tax law next week.

"We are still bullish. We expect the market to trade within a 2120-2180 range," Del Castillo said.

Analysts said the market may also watch developments in the upcoming Federal Open Market Committee meeting on March 22 where the key funds rate were seen to be increased by a quarter of one percent.

The Philippine Stock Exchange composite index rose 12.7 points or 0.6 percent to 2,137.39 last week.

BPI Trade in its recent stock market report said the following drove the market

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BSP seen easing forex regulations

By Doris C. Dumlao

FOR the first time since the Asian currency crisis erupted in 1997, the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas is considering relaxing its foreign exchange regulations to let the market take advantage of the rising foreign exchange inflows.

BSP Deputy Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said the central bank was looking at the relaxation of the overbought limit on banks as requested by the country's foreign exchange traders association, ACI Philippines.

"We're looking at that because the volume of trade has gone up," Tetangco said in an interview at the sidelines of the Euromoney Philippine Investment Conference in Cebu.

The overbought limit, now set at 2.5 percent of a bank's unimpaired capital or $5 million, whichever is lower, refers to the amount of US dollars that banks are allowed to keep.

"For some banks, particularly those with sizeable trading business, the present limit is deemed too constricting," he said.

Prior to the 1997 Asian currency turmoil, the allowable overbought position was as high as 25 percent of the banks' unimpaired capital. The limit was tightened when the crisis erupted in an attempt to curb speculative

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Plan to impose excise tax on soft drinks revived

By Michelle V. Remo

THE DEPARTMENT of Finance is reviving a plan to impose excise tax on soft drinks in view of the uncertainty of getting the administration's VAT-hike proposal approved by Congress.

This time, however, the DOF wants juices and bottled water included in the planned excise tax imposition.

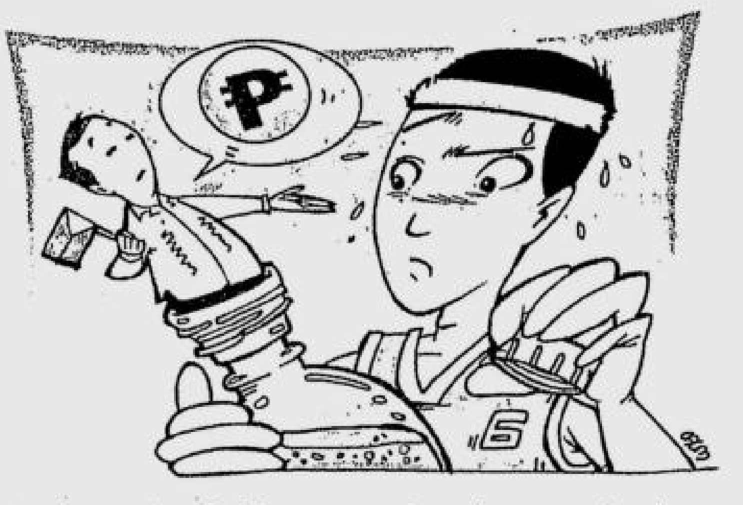
Finance Undersecretary Emmanuel Bonoan said the DOF might be forced to come up with alternative revenue-raising measures in lieu of the value added tax-hike plan.

The plan to raise the VAT rate from 10 to 12 percent will be the single-biggest revenue earner among the tax measures proposed by the Arroyo administration. It is expected to raise about P35 billion in additional revenue a year.

Bonoan, however, stressed the DOF was not yet giving up on the proposal despite difficulties in convincing legislators to approve it.

"Our main battle for now is still the VAT," he said in an interview.

The department is also lobbying for the lifting of the VAT exemptions enjoyed by several products and services, including those rendered by doctors, lawyers and cooperatives.



While the Lower House had already approved most of the VAT reform proposals, the Senate remained unconvinced of the merits of the measures.

Bonoan said the DOF would endorse the proposal to impose excise taxes on soft drinks and other beverages if the DOF's version of the VAT-reform plan were not be approved by Congress.

A similar proposal was raised in Congress but did not push through. This time, however, a bill subjecting soft drinks to excise taxes has been filed in the House. House Bill No. 2267 was filed by Rep. Catalino Figueroa of Western Samar.

Bonoan said the DOF had not yet endorsed the bill, saying the government agency would formally support it only if its version of the VAT reform plan would not succeed.

The DOF said it had to study whether slapping excise taxes on soft drinks and non-alcoholic beverages was legal. A finance official noted that in principle, excise taxes are imposed on products whose consumption should be discouraged, such as cigarettes and alcohol.

In response, Bonoan said discouraging the consumption of a product is not the sole consideration for imposing excise tax. He explained that excise tax can also be imposed based on the simple reason of the government's need to raise more revenues. He cited petroleum, which is covered by the excise tax but was not necessarily socially harmful.

In the meantime, the DOF said it might also revive the proposal to impose franchise tax on telecommunications companies.

Nat'l ID: Bad coin that keeps turning up

QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

Honesto C. General

LIKE a bad coin, the idea of a national ID keeps turning up ever since President Ramos issued in December 1996 Administrative Order No. 308, ominously titled, "Adoption of a National Computerized Identification Reference System."

In August 1998, the Supreme Court ruled that AO 308 was unconstitutional on two grounds.

First, the AO intruded into the power of Congress to make laws. The national ID could not be installed unless Congress passed the appropriate law.

Second, and this is far more important, the AO violated a citizen's right to privacy. The heart of the AO read, "The population Reference Number generated by the NSO (National Statistics Office) shall serve as the common reference number to establish a linkage among concerned agencies. The IACC (Inter-Agency Coordinating Committee) shall coordinate with the different Social Security and Services Agencies to establish the standards in the use of Biometrics Technology and in computer application designs of their respective systems."

The databases of the SSS, GSIS, Comelec, LTO, DFA, DepEd, BIR, NBI and other agencies would be interlinked into one monster database in a huge computer operating in the dark recesses of Malacañang or the Department of Defense. Every time you used the ID, Big Brother knew where you were and how much money you were spending there.

Justice Puno explained how the tremendous capacity of the computer to gather and store data could be used to build a dossier on the unsuspecting citizen, thereby violating the constitutional right to privacy. He wrote, "...when the integrity of a fundamental right is at stake this Court will give the challenged law, administrative order, rule or regulation a stricter scrutiny. It will not do for the authorities to invoke the presumption of regularity in the performance of official duties. Nor is it enough for the authorities to prove that their act is not irrational for a basic right can be diminished, if not defeated, even when the government does not act irrationally. They must satisfactorily show the presence of compelling state interests and that the law, rule, or regulation is narrowly drawn to preclude abuses. The court will not be true to its role as the ultimate guardian of the people's liberty if it will not immediately smother the sparks that endanger their rights but would rather wait for the fire that would consume them."

More forcefully, Justice Flerida Romero wrote, "So terrifying are the possibilities of a law such as AO 308 in making inroads into the private lives of the citizens, a virtual Big Brother looking over our shoulders that it must, without delay, be 'slain upon sight' before our society turns totalitarian with each of us, a mindless robot ... The right to privacy was not engraved in the Constitution for flattery."

Apart from the constitutional barrier, a national ID system must overcome tremendous technological problems.

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Regardless of the technology used, there is no such thing as a tamper-proof computerized program. It may be tamper-proof for a short while until some whiz kid in high school wrecks it with a virus, or hacks into it to steal all the data.

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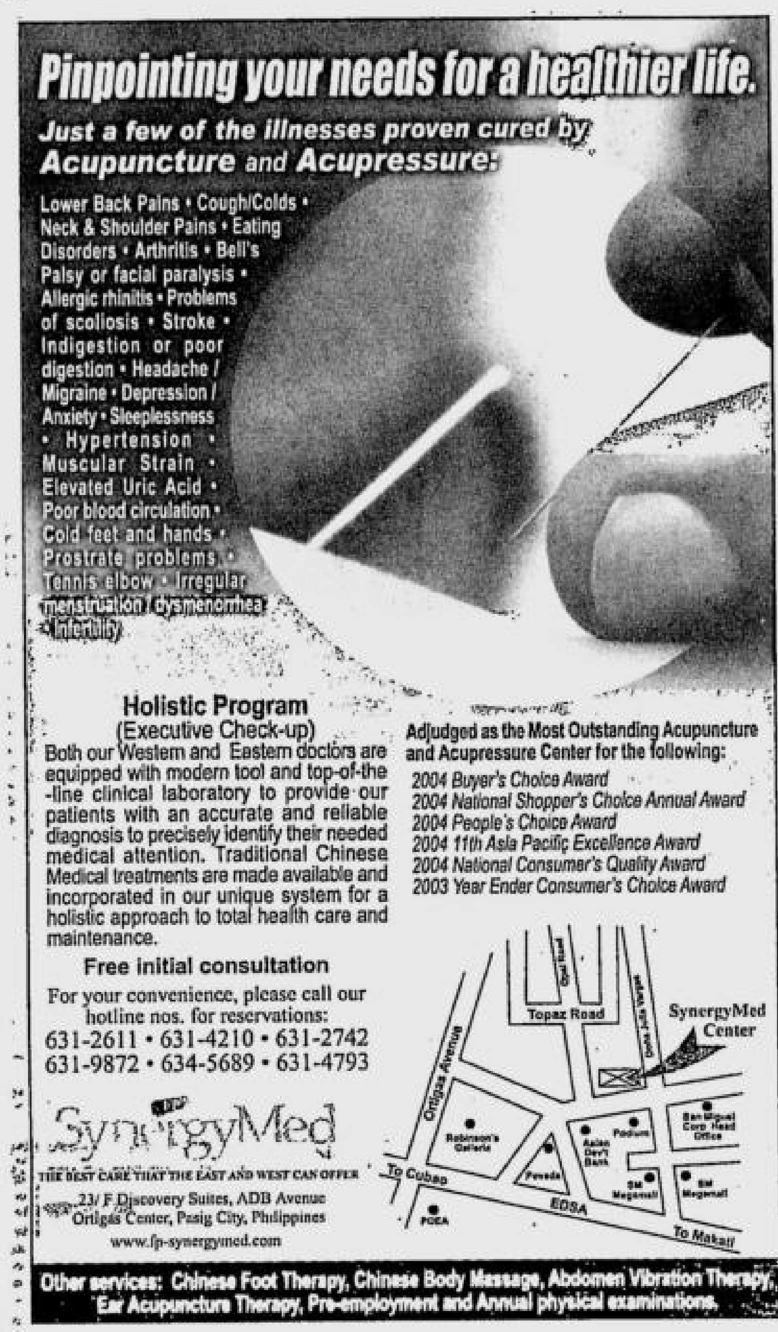

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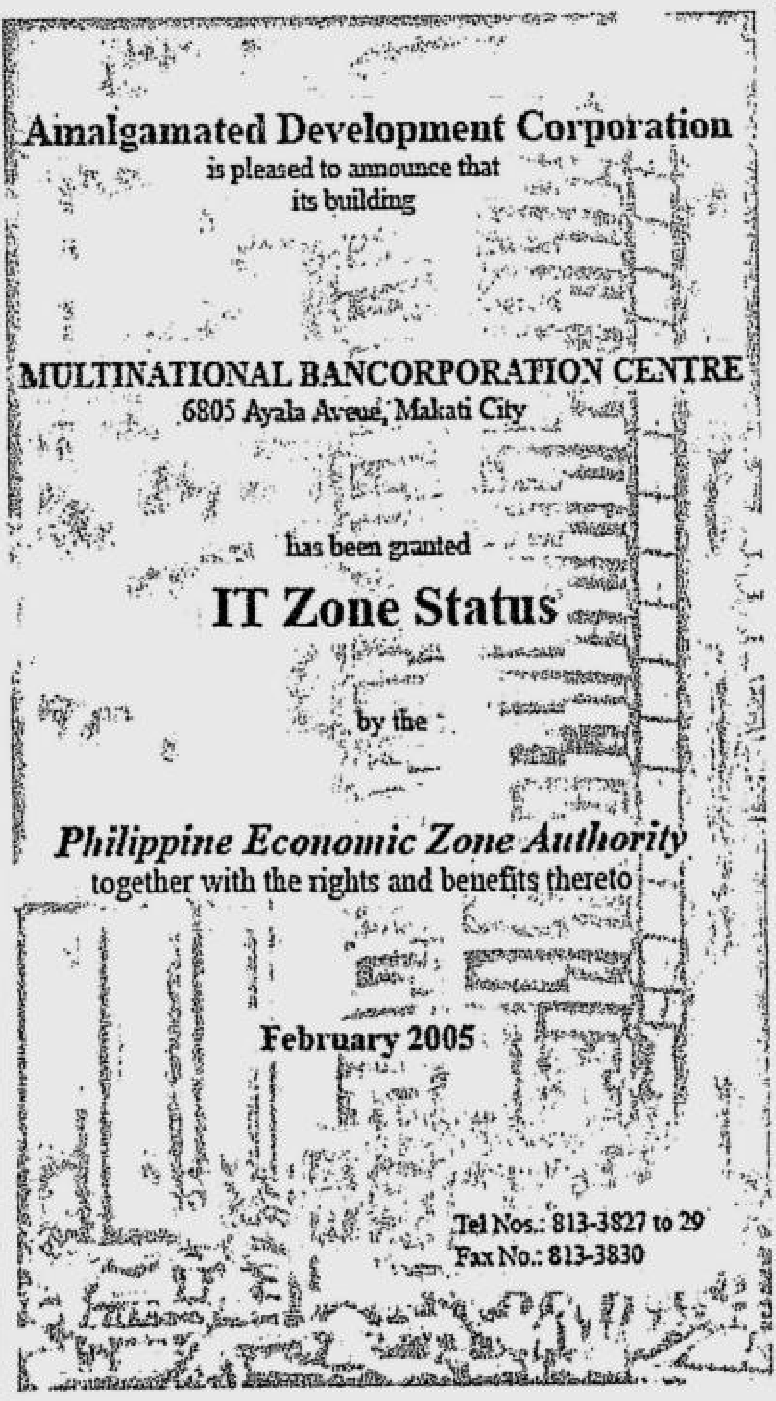

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higher last week: JG Summit Holdings, Petron Corp., San Miguel Corp., Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co., Metrobank, Meralco, Ginebra San Miguel, and Aboitiz Equity Ventures.

Stocks which closed lower were Globe Telecom, Meralco B shares, Equitable PCI Bank, San Miguel A shares, and Jollibee Foods Corp.

Jollibee Foods is expected to grow its earnings by, at best, 10 percent this year, which would be lower than last year's 25 percent, a ranking official said. Last year's earnings, which hit P1.57 billion was boosted by consumer spending.

Jollibee chief finance officer Ysmael Baysa, at the sidelines of a Euromoney conference in Cebu, said net earnings growth this year was expected at between 8 and 10 percent.

Jollibee is set to spend roughly P1 billion for capital expenditures this year. This may cover the opening of 80 to 100 stores this year compared with last year's 158 store openings.

Analysts said the growth target might have been affected by cost pressures.

"It is also being compared to a 2004 base that was strong because of election spending," Philippine Equity Partners research head Jojo Gonzales said.

Last year, Jollibee said system-wide sales, representing the sales of both company-owned and franchised stores, grew by 23 percent to P35.54 billion. The fourth quarter system-wide sales increased 22.2 percent to P9.92 billion.

The growth in sales last year was broad-based, with sales from the Jollibee brand increasing by 13.7 percent; Chowking, 39.4 percent; Greenwich, 14.7 percent; Delifrance, 11.4 percent and Yonghe King (in the People's Republic of China), 36.8 percent.

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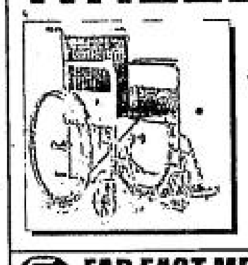

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Chinese bikes seen expanding RP market by 16-25% in 2005

By Ronnel W. Domingo

MOTORCYCLE sales are expected to grow by 20 percent this year due to the entry of low-priced models from China.

Rodel Pablo, general marketing manager of Kawasaki Motors Philippines Corp., said in an interview that established local motorcycle firms welcomed the entry of Chinese bikes as it encouraged more people to go into motorcycling.

"The Chinese makes started coming in about three years ago," Pablo said. "They have cornered about a quarter of the local market."

"More importantly, those who have tried Chinese models eventually upgrade their rides with Japanese brands," he said.

People become more choosy once they pass the initial stage of trying out a new mode of transportation through lower-priced samples, he added.

Industry data showed that local motorcycle sales hit 502,450 units in 2004, and expected to increase by 16-25 percent this year to between 585,000 and 625,000 units.

"The local industry forecasts the demand would reach a million units a year within three or four years," Pablo said.

The official said KMPC was prepared for future expansion of production capacity either by adding a second shift on the production floor or adding production lines.

"Our plant (in Muntinlupa City) is now producing about 5,600 units a month," Pablo said. "Of course, a second shift is more flexible and easier to do."

Last month, market leader Honda Philippines Inc. announced it was investing P1.3 billion in a new manufacturing plant that can put out up to a million units a year, in anticipation of growing demand.

Asian budget carriers plan flights to Clark

By Clarissa S. Batino

THREE more Asian budget carriers have sought permission from the Civil Aeronautics Board to fly to the Philippines through the Clark International Airport.

Tiger Airways of Singapore, Malaysia's Air Asia, and its subsidiary Thai Air Asia, have applied for a foreign air carrier's permit to launch flights to the former US military air base by June this year, according to CAB executive director Tomas Manalac.

The three carriers were taking advantage of the government's decision to adopt an open skies policy for passengers and cargo within the Clark international airport.

Jetstar Asia of Singapore had earlier asked the CAB for a permit to mount flights from the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

Manalac said a provisional authority might be issued soon.

As for the three low-cost carriers planning to fly to Clark, he said the documents they have submitted to the CAB were incomplete.

Manalac said he would soon meet with the lawyers of the three carriers to advise them of the requirements and the application process.

While waiting to complete the process, the CAB chief said that under a liberalized air charter program for Clark airport, the three carriers could already mount charter flights to the Central Luzon hub.

This means that even without bilateral entitlements and pending the grant of their permit from the CAB, the budget foreign carriers could already land and take off from Clark, according to Manalac.

As an incentive, the carriers would enjoy exemption from aeronautical fees at Clark for six months.

Air Asia plans to fly to Clark from Kuala Lumpua; Thai Air Asia from Bangkok and Tiger Airways from Singapore.

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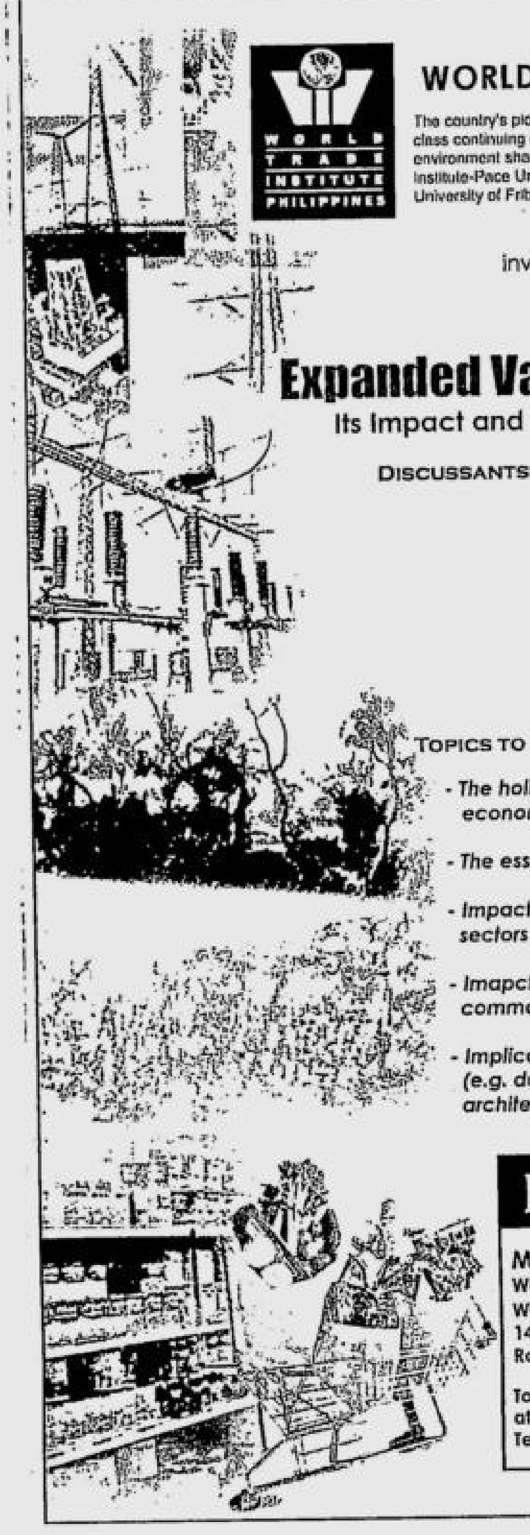

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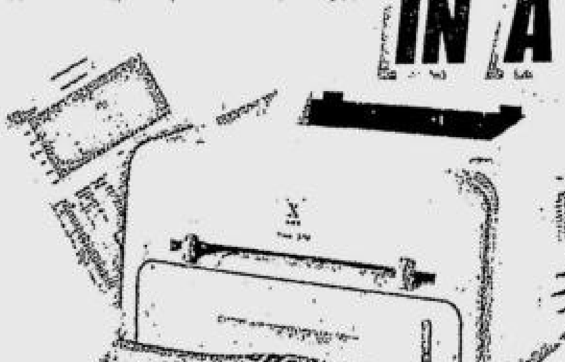

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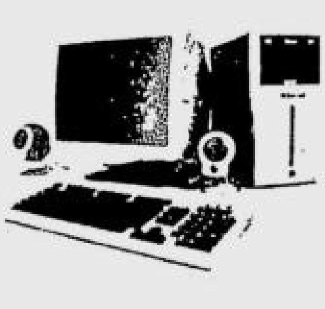

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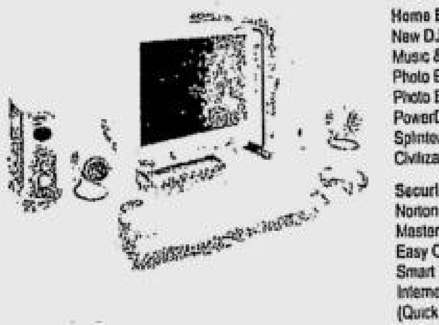

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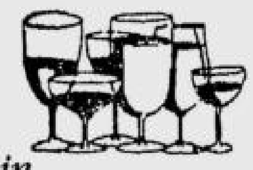

Victor C. Agustin

THE BOARD of GMA Network meets only four times a year, and its executive committee once a month, but it seems the private company now wants to conduct its boardroom disagreements daily, and in public at that.

GMA chair/president/CEO Felipe Gozon fired off an immediate rejoinder last Friday, the same day that the letter of his nephew and fellow board member Joel Marcelo Jimenez appeared in this column.

In that letter, the Jimenezes explained why they were opposed to the shareholder agreement that Gozon wanted the three families controlling the network to sign before the planned GMA public offering.

Gozon expressed surprise over his relatives' rejection since the listing terms had been discussed by the excom as early as October 2004, and that Jimenez, he said, raised no objection in that and subsequent meetings.

"While the minutes were not signed and returned by Joel Jimenez, the majority shareholders did not think that the Jimenez shareholders changed their minds because they had also delayed the return of the minutes many times in the past," Gozon said.

Even though the Gozons control only 30 percent of the country's most profitable network, as against the Jimenezes and the Duavits owning 35 percent each, the Duavit and Gozon camps have referred to themselves as the majority, after the unexpected "retirement" of long-serving GMA chair/CEO Menardo Jimenez in December 2000.

"The minority can not expect to get better treatment than the majority shareholders who will be subject to the same terms and conditions, and whose only purpose is to maintain control of the company after the IPO, which control they already had before the IPO, " Gozon added.

According to the Jimenez camp, the problem with the Gozon-crafted shareholder agreement is that it prohibits the three families from buying or selling GMA shares for an extended period of time, long after the listing.

As it is now, each family is required to offer its block to each other first, before offering to sell the shareholdings to outsiders.

"Usually when a company goes IPO, the shareholders would want the flexibility to buy and sell their shares after the six-month hold-out period prescribed by the Securities and Exchange Commission," Jimenez said.

To make a long story short, the Jimenez camp wants the option to sell its entire block to, say, PLDT's Manuel V. Pangilinan, to whom it is already in bed with, or any other higher bidder.

But Pangilinan had already said he and his group would only acquire GMA 7 if they could obtain majority control.

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Now, between the Gozons and Duavits, who could it be?

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PSE eyes 34 more firms for listing

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

THE PHILIPPINE STOCK Exchange has identified 34 companies registered with the Board of Investments for possible listing.

PSE president Francis Lim did not identify the firms, saying he would wait until he meets with the BOI to finalize the list of companies targeted for listing at the stock market.

The PSE was confident of convincing more firms to offer shares to the public following the scheduled initial public offerings of SM Investments Corp. and water distributor Manila Water Co. Inc.

The PSE earlier called on registered companies of the BoI to put into public hands a portion of their shares in exchange for the incentives they got from the government.

"It's payback time. Fair is fair. For these companies availing of the incentives from government, they should give their fair share to investors," Lim had said.

The Omnibus Investment Code or Executive Order 226, enacted in 1987, also required that 10 percent of the shares of BOI-registered firms be sold to the public within 10 years from registration. To date, about 5,000 firms are registered with the BOI.

Many firms were reluctant to tap the equities market due to lackluster trading at the stock exchange.

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But in January this year, the PSE emerged as the best-performing bourse among its neighbors with the index surging 10.8 percent.

iVantage cuts back on IT investments

HOLDING firm iVantage Corp. is reducing its investments in the information technology sector as part of its plan to become a financial services conglomerate.

iVantage chair Roberto Lorayes said after a PhilEquity Fund launch last week that "its reconfiguration" may take place next year after it completes negotiations for the sale of one of its information technology assets.

Sources separately said iVantage was keeping its 88-percent stake in Yehey! Corp. but was in talks with a possible buyer for its 30-percent holdings in Wordtext Systems Inc.

Yehey!, one of the country's leading search engines and portal has turned cash positive this year.

It is improving its business in preparation for an initial public offering in 2006.

iVantage earlier sold its other IT interests: 40-percent stake in Jupiter Systems Inc., 73 percent in Infotouch Systems Inc., and 20 percent in Nexus Technologies Inc. for P41.16 million.

iVantage, meanwhile, is already making inroads in the financial services sector through its holdings in financing company e-Business Services Inc. (eBiz), which recently partnered with PhilEquity Fund, one of the country's leading mutual funds, to offer mutual fund products to small investors.

PhilEquity has yielded an average annual return of 20 percent since 1994. EBiz plans to roll out 50 branches this year. *Elizabeth L. Sanchez*

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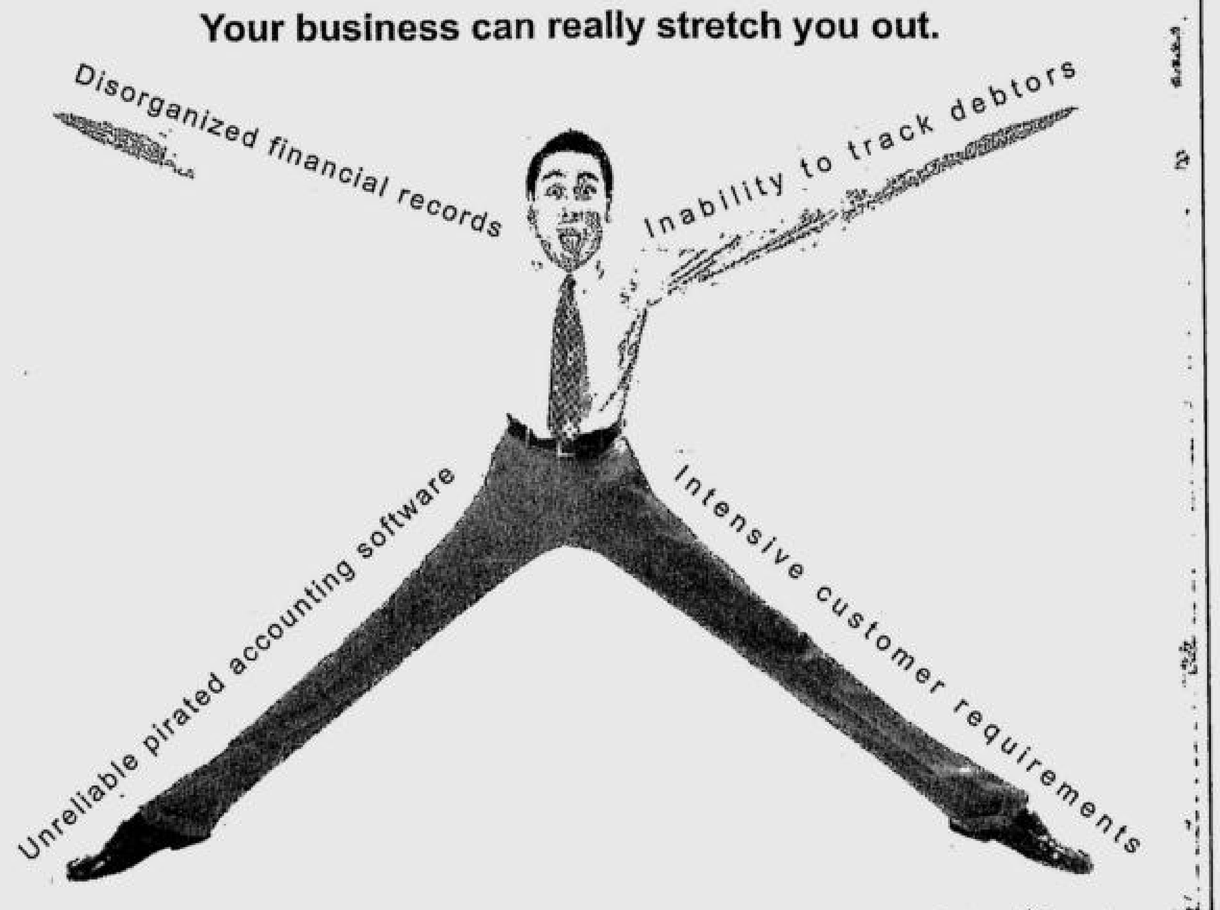
attacks against the local currency.

Tetangco said liquidity in the Philippine Dealing System had substantially improved, with daily value turnover hitting $300 to $400 million from an average of only $200 million in the past years.

Tetangco, who will replace BSP Governor Rafael Buenaventura when he retires in July, said that the resurgence of optimism on the Philippines started when domestic investors started aggressive bargain-hunting at the stock market.

"When we came up with the Supreme Court ruling on mining, the better-than-expected fiscal deficit in 2004 and the passage of tax measures, there was follow-through buying by foreign investors," he said.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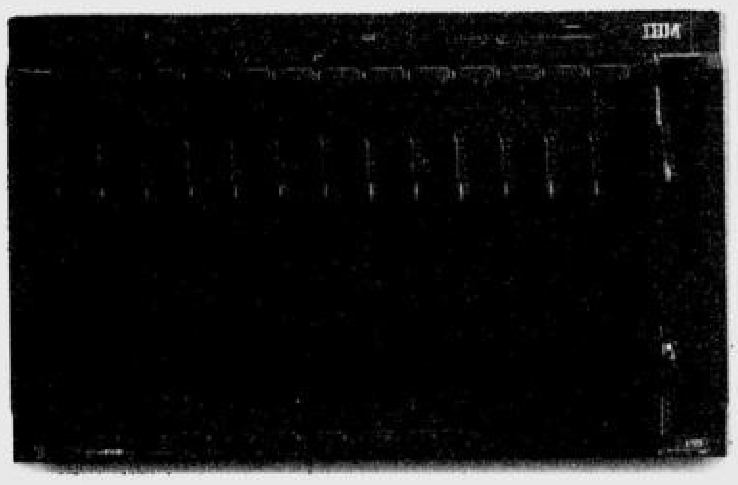
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IN SPITE of all the griping, the country's full year 2004 economic performance, as reported in recent data, actually had quite a bit of good news. The surging stock market and the improving peso are part of it. But there are more fundamental positive indicators that could partially explain the favorable market trends.

If I had the task of convincing investors that the Philippines deserved a prominent place in their radar screens at this time, the following are what I would cite:

Improved production

Full year economic growth in 2004 was actually better than the targets, and better than before. The 6.1-percent growth in both GNP and GDP overshot the 5.0-5.7 percent target range of the government, and improved on the 5.5-percent growth achieved in 2003.

This is true even if one breaks down the growth performance by major sectors. Services, which grew fastest at 7.3 percent, went beyond the target range of 5.7-6.6 percent, and improved from its 5.9 percent growth in 2003.

Industry, with its 5.3 percent growth, likewise went over its 4.4-5.2 percent target and bested its 3.0-percent performance in 2003 (which at the time fell short of the targeted 3.2-3.7 percent).

Even agriculture with its 4.9-percent growth was near the upper end of the targeted 4.0-5.0 percent range, and had accelerated from its 3.9 percent 2003 performance. Particularly heartening was the industry's substantial pick-up in growth, having improved by a hefty 2.3 percentage points.

Manufacturing, a prominent part of the industry sector, performed solidly in 2004, ending the year with a flourish on a fourth quarter growth of 6.9 percent. The monthly data on manufacturing output from the National Statistics Office also reflected a healthy pick-up in growth, which hopefully translated into a similar pick-up in manufacturing jobs in the last quarter (we don't know yet; latest data available are still for October).

Capacity utilization had also improved to 80 percent from just over 78 percent the year before.

All this happened at a time when all regions of the country had been contributing to the economy's growth without exception, i.e. all regions enjoyed positive growth in gross regional domestic product (GRDP) in 2003. This contrasts with past years' performance wherein one or two regions (i.e. ARMM and Caraga in Mindanao) had lagged behind with negative growth.

Stronger demand

The improved performance of the productive sectors was likewise reflected on the demand side, with personal consumption and investment expenditures showing strong and faster growth. Personal consumption grew by 5.8 percent, better than its 5.3 percent growth in 2003, still supported by the purchasing power provided by brisk growth in overseas remittances. But more noteworthy was growth in real investment, which showed vast improvement from its stagnant 0.1 percent performance in 2003, to a double-digit 12.7 percent growth in 2004. In particular, construction turned around from its negative performance in 2003 (-2.9 percent) to a healthy 6.2 percent growth in 2004, with both public and private construction showing positive growth.

Election-induced construction was the obvious reason for this, as the first two quarters of 2004 accounted for most of the growth in public construction last year.

By the fourth quarter, public construction was back into negative growth, clearly showing how government construction projects were front-loaded in the election year.

Private investments in durable equipment actually slowed down last year to 4.4 percent from 8.5 percent in 2003.

This is consistent with the actual drop in foreign direct investments reported by BSP for the year.

Still, the positive albeit slower 4.4 percent growth tells us that domestic investors were encouraged enough to place their stakes on the growing economy.

Lower poverty?

Recent reports from the National Statistical Coordination Board (NSCB) of declining poverty and narrowing income gaps give even more reasons to be encouraged.

While some have raised questions on the data, based on inconsistencies with other available information, NSCB reports that the proportion of Filipino families that are poor has steadily declined from 28.1 percent in 1997, to 27.5 percent in 2000, and on to 24.7 percent in 2003.

Furthermore, "the ratio of incomes of the richest one-fifth to the poorest one-fifth of the Filipino population has also reportedly declined from 12.6 in 1997, to 12.4 in 2000, and further down to 11.4 in 2003.

If accurate, these data indicate some improvement in quality of our economic growth in recent years.

Lest we be misled by all these seemingly positive indicators, it should be pointed out that our proverbial glass is merely half full. In fact, a closer look at the fourth quarter economic data clearly shows that the economy is back on a slowing trend.

Agriculture, in particular, had grown by a mere 1.2 percent in the fourth quarter, a dramatic departure from the previous quarter's performance. Furthermore, overall growth in the economy measured on a quarter-to-quarter basis and adjusted for seasonality was only 0.6 percent, the slowest since 2001.

Most analysts project slower growth in 2005, reflecting a

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Camp John Hay	200,000	-
Canlubang	650,000	Please Call
Canyon Woods	140,000	-
Capitol Hills	100,000	-
Cebu Country Club	1,500,000	1,400,000
Celebrity Sports Club	120,000	80,000
Club Filipino	150,000	100,000
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Forest Hills "A"	130,000	115,000
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Forest Hills "C"	200,000	-
Makati Sports Club "A"	240,000	170,000
Makati Sports Club "B"	240,000	190,000
Manila Golf (Corporate)	-	11,500,000
Manila Golf (Individual)	-	11,400,000
Manila Polo	2,150,000	2,050,000
Manila Southwoods "A"	430,000	390,000
Manila Southwoods "B"		700,000
Manila Yacht Club	300,000	250,000
Metroclub "A"	120,000	-
Mimosa (Individual)	200,000	120,000
Mimosa (Corporate)	350,000	270,000
Mt. Malarayat Gold "A"	200,000	-
Mt. Malarayat Gold "C"	300,000	180,000
Orchard Golf Club "A"	210,000	170,000
Orchard Golf Club "C"	400,000	350,000
Quezon City Sports Club	160,000	140,000
Rockwell	Please Call	-
Spa & Lodge	650,000	550,000
Sta. Elena "A"	1,300,000	1,000,000
Sta. Elena "B"	1,500,000	-
Subic Bay Yacht (Corporate)	170,000	-
Subic Bay Yacht (Individual)	120,000	-
Tagaytay Country Club	400,000	370,000
Tagaytay Highlands	800,000	750,000
Tagaytay Midlands	700,000	650,000
Valle Verde (Individual)	120,000	100,000
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Eastridge Golf Club "A"	115K	
Eastridge Golf Club "B"	125K	
Makati Sports Club	190K	
Manila Golf Club - Indv.	please call	11.5M
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Manila Polo Club	-	2M
Manila Southwoods "A"	-	350K
Manila Southwoods "B"	-	700K
Orchard Golf Club "A"	180K	
Orchard Golf Club "B"		300K
Quezon City Sports Club	150K	
Riviera Golf Club "A"	-	70K
Riviera Golf Club "B"	-	140K
Riviera Sports & C.C.	50K	
Spa & Lodge		500K
Sta Elena Golf Club "A"	1.350M	
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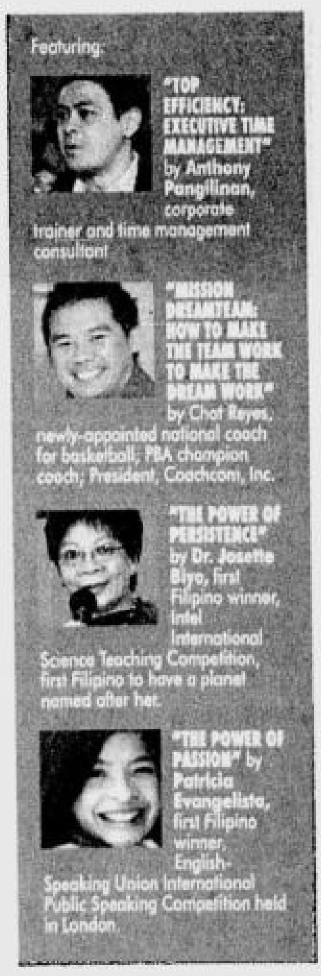

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China Banking Corp.	690	690	690	690	840
Citystate Savings Bank	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	2,500
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	50	50.5	50	50.5	49,600
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.92	0.92	0.9	0.9	2,410,000
International Exch. Bank	19	19	19	19	91,500
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	36	37	35.5	37	2,279,700
Philippine National Bank	32	32.5	32	32	60,100
Phil. Savings Bank	32.5	32.5	30	30.5	10,400
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	14.5	14.5	14.5	14.5	23,800
Security Bank Corp.	31	31	31	31	158,300
Union Bank of the Phil.	31	32	31	32	18,800
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
Bankard Inc.	0.98	0.98	0.98	0.98	100,000
First Abacus Financial	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	370,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	2550	2555	2550	2555	190
PCI Leasing & Fin. Inc.	2.1	2.12	2.1	2.12	1,020,000
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ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	17.75	17.75	17.5	17.5	35,000
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Easycall Phils. Inc.-Com	5.2	5.2	5.2	5.2	2,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	935	935	930	935	37,210
Ipeople Inc.	4.8	4.8	4.8	4.8	58,000
Island Info and Tech Inc.	0.0525	0.0525	0.0525	0.0525	2,000,000
ISM Communications Corp.	0.065	0.065	0.0625	0.065	4,900,000
Liberty Telecoms Holdings	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	70,000
Manila Bulletin Pub. Corp.	2.02	2.02	2.02	2.02	1,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	3.8	3.8	3.65	3.7	4,499,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	1480	1480	1470	1470	120,420
Ivantage Corp.	0.83	0.83	0.81	0.81	2,350,000
Philweb Corp.	0.025	0.025	0.023	0.024	229,200,000
POWER & ENERGY					
Manila Electric Co. A	20.5	20.75	20.5	20.75	56,400
Manila Electric Co. B	30.5	30.5	30	30	894,700
Petron Corp.	4.55	4.55	4.35	4.35	5,334,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	1.46	1.46	1.46	1.46	300,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Asian Terminals Inc.	1.96	1.96	1.96	1.96	20,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	8.7	8.7	8.6	8.6	289,000
Keppel Phils. Marine Inc.	0.68	0.68	0.63	0.63	250,000
Lorenzo Shipping Corp.	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	5,000
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Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.77	0.79	0.75	0.76	6,530,000
Fortune Cement Corp.	0.83	0.83	0.83	0.83	100,000
Holcim Philippines Inc.	4.4	4.45	4.35	4.4	5,857,000
Republic Cement Corp.	1.34	1.34	1.34	1.34	180,000
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RFM Corp.	0.99	1	0.96	0.99	3,470,000
Swift Food Inc.	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4	50,000
San Miguel Corp. A	56.5	56.5	56	56.5	98,700
San Miguel Corp. B	83.5	83.5	83.5	83.5	11,000
Universal Robina Corp.	11.25	12	11.25	12	320,600
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Ayala Corp.	8.4	8.4	8.3	8.3	7,642,000
Alsons Cons. Res. Inc.	0.68	0.7	0.67	0.67	2,560,000
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	5.1	5.2	5	5.1	2,056,000
Alliance Global Group Inc.	10.75	10.75	10.75	10.75	5,000
Ajo.Net Holdings Inc.	0.0575	0.06	0.055	0.0575	18,700,000
A. Soriano Corp.	2.46	2.46	2.4	2.44	5,188,000
APC Group Inc.	0.49	0.52	0.49	0.49	21,070,000
Alcorn Gold Res. Corp.	0.0085	0.0085	0.008	0.008	83,000,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.43	0.43	0.43	0.43	40,000
Aries Prime Res. Inc.	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	34,000
Baguio Gold Holdings Corp.	1.1	1.2	1.1	1.2	22,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	25.5	26	25	25	121,000
Boulevard Holdings Inc.	0.215	0.215	0.195	0.2	7,500,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	1.36	1.36	1.28	1.3	44,760,000
Basic Consolidated Inc.	0.225	0.225	0.225	0.225	1,340,000
Crown Equities Inc.	0.29	0.3	0.28	0.29	10,630,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.55	0.55	0.5	0.5	2,650,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	4.7	4.7	4.45	4.5	2,012,000
Ever-Gotesco Resources	0.0625	0.0625	0.06	0.06	9,200,000
Filinvest Dev. Corp.	1.7	1.78	1.7	1.74	1,168,000
Fil-Hispano Holdings Corp.	10.5	10.5	10.25	10.25	855,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	60	60	57.5	57.5	888,000
Forum Pacific Inc.	0.27	0.3	0.27	0.27	920,000
Global Equities Inc.	0.145	0.145	0.135	0.135	44,580,000
House Of Investments Inc.	1.9	1.9	1.88	1.88	1,090,000
Ionics Inc.	1.68	1.68	1.66	1.66	350,000
J.G. Summit Holdings Inc.	3.9	4.25	3.9	4.1	8,449,000
Macroasia Corp.	2.02	2.1	2	2.06	868,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.78	1.78	1.72	1.74	2,110,000
Mabuhay Holdings Corp.	0.18	0.2	0.18	0.2	500,000
Magnum Holdings Inc.	1.32	1.32	1.32	1.32	310,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.54	0.57	0.52	0.55	3,450,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.59	0.6	0.59	0.59	24,660,000
Polar Property Holdings	2.42	2.42	2.42	2.42	5,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	110,000
Prime Media Holdings Inc.	1.5	1.5	1.46	1.5	132,000
East Asia Power Res. Corp.	0.37	0.39	0.36	0.37	2,080,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	1.06	1.06	1.06	1.06	100,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.65	0.65	0.65	0.65	420,000
South China Resources Inc.	0.58	0.6	0.58	0.58	350,000
Tanduay Holdings Inc.	3.45	4.25	3.45	4	283,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.23	0.23	0.205	0.205	13,250,000
Wellex Industries Inc.	0.21	0.21	0.2	0.21	3,160,000
Waterfront Phils. Inc.	0.35	0.35	0.35	0.35	1,480,000
Zeus Holdings Inc.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	70,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Music Semiconductors Corp.	1.64	1.66	1.6	1.6	133,000
Mabuhay Vinyl Corp.	0.89	0.95	0.89	0.95	590,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.17	0.17	0.155	0.155	9,490,000
Steniel Manufacturing	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	100,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	1.66	1.66	1.58	1.58	3,714,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	1.26	1.3	1.22	1.22	6,776,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	1.56	1.56	1.48	1.52	4,331,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.4	0.4	0.39	0.39	1,950,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (Pdr)	17.25	17.25	16.75	16.75	489,100
PLDT (10% Pref) Series V	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	700
PLDT (10% Pref) Series W	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	700
PLDT (10% Pref) Series X	10.25	10.25	10.25	10.25	200
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	9.5	9.5	9.3	9.3	3,809,000
Araneta Properties Inc.	0.42	0.43	0.42	0.43	20,000
Cityland Development Corp.	1.6	1.6	1.6	1.6	48,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	1.04	1.04	1.02	1.04	1,843,000
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Gotesco Land Inc.	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.155	400,000
Highlands Prime Inc.	2.75	2.75	2.5	2.5	61,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.34	0.36	0.33	0.33	28,150,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.76	0.78	0.76	0.78	730,000
MRC Allied Ind. Inc.	0.3	0.3	0.25	0.25	4,870,000
Robinsons Land Corp.	3.85	4.4	3.85	4.4	1,612,000
Phil Realty And Holdings	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	1,850,000
SM Development Corp.	1.84	1.86	1.84	1.84	310,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	9.1	9.1	8.7	8.8	4,920,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. A	1	1.02	1	1.02	125,000
Apex Mining Co. Inc. B	1.12	1.12	1.12	1.12	1,000
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.012	0.012	0.012	0.012	86,000,000
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	6	6.1	5.9	6.1	109,000
Benguet Corp. A	8	8	8	8	9,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.4	0.4	0.39	0.4	5,370,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co B	0.44	0.44	0.42	0.43	12,090,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.02	0.02	0.019	0.019	20,000,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.028	0.028	0.027	0.027	29,500,000
Omico Corp.	0.0095	0.0095	0.0085	.0095 1	342,000,000
Philex Mining Corp. A	1.22	1.22	1.18	1.22	1,108,000
Philex Mining Corp B	1.48	1.5	1.46	1.46	4,420,000
Semirara Mining Corp.	45.5	46.5	45.5	46	1,934,300
United Paragon Mining Co.	0.3	0.31	0.3	0.31	290,000
OIL					
Interport Res.	0.0065	0.0065	0.006	0.006	25,000,000
Interport Res. B	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007	3,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. A	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	0.0075	51,000,000
Oriental Pet. & Min. B	0.008	0.008	0.008	0.008	78,000,000
The Philodrill Corp. A	0.38	0.38	0.37	0.38	770,000
The Philodrill Corp. B	0.39	0.39	0.39	0.39	180,000
Pacifica	0.015	0.015	0.015	0.015	17,000,000
Petroenergy Res. Corp.	3	3	2.9	2.9	4,000
Sinophil Corp.	0.235	0.235	0.225	0.23	2,390,000
Vulcan Ind'l	0.4	0.4	0.39	0.39	210,000

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March 11, 2005 Country	Unit	Euro Equivalent	Dollar Equivalent	Peso Equivalent
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Japan	Yen	0.007161	0.009608	0.5210
United Kingdom	Pound	1.432628	1.922300	104.2290
Hong Kong	Dollar	0.095560	0.128222	6.9523
Switzerland	Franc	0.645868	0.866626	46.9893
Canada	Dollar	0.618736	0.830220	45.0154
Singapore	Dollar	0.460440	0.617818	33.4987
Australia	Dollar	0.587565	0.788395	42.7476
Bahrain	Dinar*	1.976889	2.652590	143.8261
Saudi Arabia	Rial	0.198738	0.266667	14.4590
Brunei	Dollar	0.459021	0.615915	33.3955
Indonesia	Rupiah	0.000080	0.000107	0.0058
Thailand	Baht	0.019474	0.026130	1.4168
UAE	Dirham	0.202921	0.272279	14.7632
Euro	Euro	1.000000	1.341800	72.7537
Argentina	Peso	0.254358	0.341297	18.5055
Brazil	Real	0.273111	0.366461	19.8699
Denmark	Kroner	0.134282	0.180180	9.7695
India	Rupee	0.017140	0.022999	1.2470
Malaysia	Ringgit	0.196149	0.263193	14.2706
Mexico	New Peso	0.067588	0.090689	4.9172
New Zealand	Dollar	0.549405	0.737191	39.9712
Norway	Kroner	0.122255	0.164042	8.8945
Pakistan	Rupee	0.012560	0.016853	0.9138
South Africa	Rand	0.127640	0.171268	9.2863
Korea	Won	0.000745	0.001000	0.0542
Sweden	Kroner	0.110224	0.147898	8.0192
Syria	Pound	0.014357	0.019264	1.0445
Taiwan	Nt Dollar	0.024315	0.032626	1.7690
Venezuela	Bolivar	0.000347	0.000466	0.0253

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could work to prevent the dilution of the government's stake. .

A dilution would mean turning over control of the food conglomerate to SMC chair Eduardo "Danding" Cojuangco, retail king Henry Sy and the Japanese beer giant Kirin Brewery.

Sy holds a 6-percent stake in SMC, while Kirin has about 19 percent.

Cojuangco has claimed a 20-percent stake in SMC, but his actual holding is still being disputed by the government in court.

According to Salceda, borrowing from state financial institutions like the DBP could work without further burdening the government.

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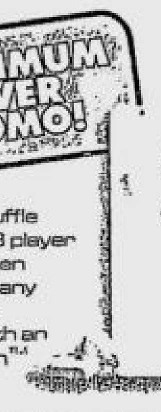

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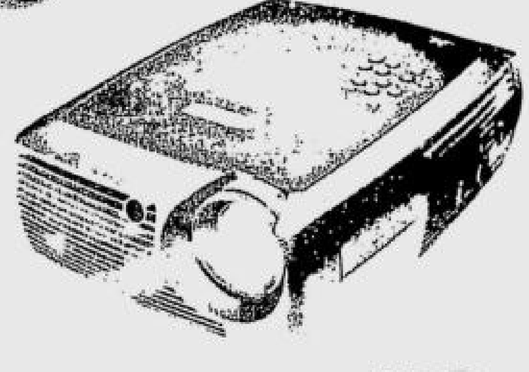

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So, who's afraid of third-party custodians?

By Michelle V. Remo

UNLESS you are familiar with high finance or you have a business degree tucked away somewhere, chances are, you will tend to dismiss the workings of the securities trade as nothing more than the profit-generating mumbo-jumbo of shamans in suits.

So, when the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas issued Circulars No. 392 and 428, only those in the know realized the implications.

The BSP issuances caused dissension in the ranks of the Bureau of Treasury (BTr). The workers and officials went so far as to take their grievance to the streets. It also cost a national treasurer her job. *(See sidebar.)*

But the BSP said that the circulars were crucial in developing the country's sluggish and immature capital market.

What is it about?

Circulars No. 392 and 428 called for the creation and implementation of the Third Party Custodianship system that went into motion on Jan. 3.

The new system required fixed-income securities traded under repurchase agreement—where the dealer-banks buy back the securities from investors after a certain period—to be kept by third-party custodians.

Fixed-income securities traded under the terms of outright sale—where there is no buy-back arrangement between the investor and the dealer-banks—are not required, but are encouraged to be placed in third-party custody.

Third-party custodians will perform two primary functions: To provide additional investment opportunities for holders of securities, and to protect the investors from unscrupulous trading practices.

Proponents of this system say that investors will enjoy value-added services if the securities are lodged with third-party custodians.

They also said that under the current system, the debt securities would have to be entrusted to accredited custodians to prevent the debt papers from being sold over and over.

But officials and employees of the BTr, the agency responsible for managing the government's debts, do not agree. They claim that the new system would be grossly disadvantageous to a government with a bleeding fiscal problem.

The circulars practically divested the Bureau of Treasury of one of its core functions: To take custody of sold government securities.

Having third-party custodians, the BTr officials said, would significantly raise the cost of the government's domestic borrowing.

Not true

But according to proponents of third-party custody, it would be an exaggeration to say that this type of reform program would substantially increase government's borrowing cost.

Vicente Castillo, president and chief operating officer of PDS Holdings, said the fees to be paid by investors to third-party custodians would not be much higher than what they were already paying the dealer-banks, also known as government securities eligible dealers, or GSEDs.

Transferring custody of securities from GSEDs to third-party custodians would only require the shifting of payment of custody fees from the former to the latter, Castillo said.

And should there be additional cost to the investors, they could recover it by engaging in investment activities that would be made available to them by third-party custodians providing the services, he added.

Conflict of interest

Before the BSP issued the circulars, government securities bought by an in-

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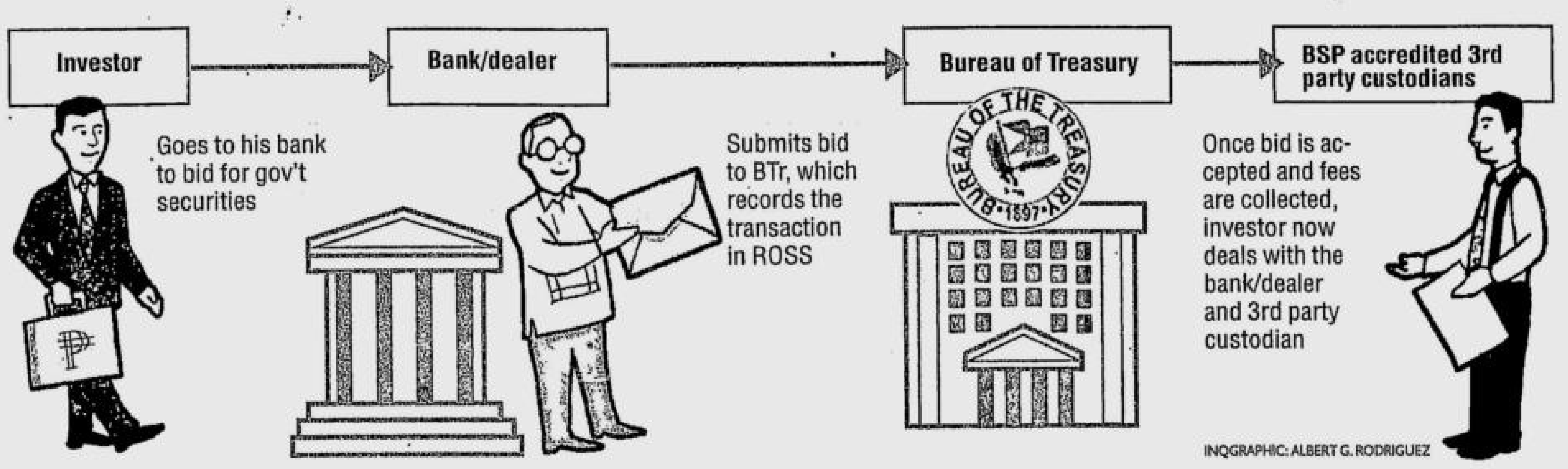
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Opposition to BSP circulars cost Treasury exec her job

FORMER National Treasurer Norma Lasala, reportedly was sacked from her post after airing her strong opposition to the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas Circulars No. 392 and 428, which called for the creation and implementation of the Third Party Custodianship system.

The circulars went into effect on Jan. 3.

Lasala said investors would have to pay huge service fees to third-party custodians, most of which would be banks.

The investors would then recover the cost they incurred by demanding higher interest rates for Treasury bills and bonds the next time they buy government securities, thus jacking up interest rates, she said.

The former official of the Bureau of Treasury (BTr) had no qualms in expressing her strong views against the third-party custody system despite the support given by her bosses—former Finance Secretary Juanita Amatong and incumbent Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima—to the BSP's capital market reform program.

"The implementation of aforesaid circulars is being relentlessly pursued with absolute lack of disclosure to the proper authorities and to the public as to the detrimental consequences of such a move to the government," Lasala said in a message posted in an online blog, which she created purposely as a venue to debate the merits of the third-party custody system.

Lasala was replaced by Omar Cruz, a supporter of the third-party custody.

Proponents of Third Party Custodianship said that the present system would protect investors from the crooked practices of unscrupulous dealers. They cited the the Bancap scam of 1993, which almost brought down the financial market.

But treasury officials said the scam happened during the time when securities still come in paper forms.

According to Gerardo Francisco, BTr director, the fraudulent selling of T-bills and T-bonds will not likely happen because securities now come in electronic form.

The BTr's Registry of Scripless Securities, or ROSS, will be enough to ensure the protection of investors, because the transfer of securities are recorded in the accounts of government securities eligible dealers, or GSEDs, Francisco said.

"How can there be double selling when we are already in the electronic stage?" he said.

BTr officials and employees also said that those pushing for the passage of the third-party custody system hoped to engage in profiteering disguised as consumer protection.

Lasala said that the third-party custodians would also require a huge cost for reconfiguring the ROSS, a project for which the BTr would not have enough funds.

With third-party custodians, the ROSS has to be reconfigured because each custodian has to have an account within it, she said.

The ROSS will continue to record security transfers, but it is within the account of third-party custodians that the securities will be kept safe. The custodians will perform various investment activities on behalf of its investors.

But for Lasala and her allies in the BTr, third-party custody is nothing but a program crafted by opportunistic capitalists who will reap huge profits at the expense of a financially bleeding government and the public.

Lasala, who ended her term last Feb. 15, may be fighting a lost cause for now. But the former national treasurer said that leaving the BTr did not mean she lost the battle. Instead, by being out there, she would be fighting for her cause on a broader field of battle, and with arms provided by the people.

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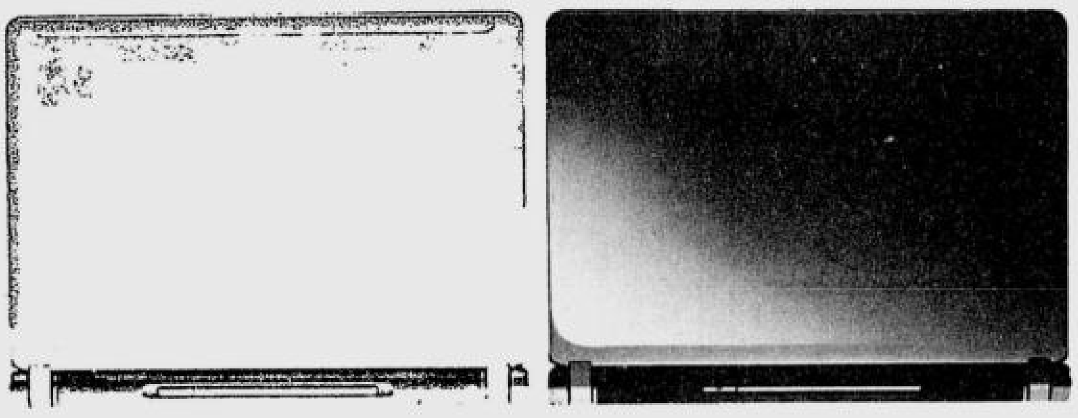

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BSP seen raising key rates in 2nd half

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas is expected to tighten its key policy rates by 75 basis points most likely in the second semester of the year in view of pressures from rising US interest rates, according to UBS Investment Bank.

Scott Wilson, executive director of UBS Investment Research, told reporters at the sidelines of the recent Euromoney Philippine Investment Conference in Cebu that the BSP might continue delaying policy rate increases despite the rising inflation.

By the second half of the year, however, Wilson said the BSP might have to start tightening monetary policy to avert foreign exchange volatility.

The BSP's Monetary Board has so far kept its key policy interest rates unchanged at 6.75 percent for the overnight borrowing and 9 percent for overnight lending since July 2003.

Wilson said UBS' forecast of an increase in the BSP's overnight policy rates by 75 basis points this year assumed an increase in the US federal funds rate to 4 percent from 2.5 percent.

The federal funds rate is the interest rate at which depository institutions lend balances at the Federal Reserve to other depository institutions overnight.

Wilson said the BSP would have to raise its own overnight rates following the series of hikes in US Fed Funds rate, to continue attracting foreign portfolio investments.

For his part, BSP Deputy Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said: "It all depends on the inflation outlook and we need to analyze what's causing the inflation pressures."

In the meantime, UBS upgraded its base case scenario for the Philippine economy and made some key changes to its forecasts.

In its latest Philippine Economic Update, UBS raised its 2005 and 2006 real gross domestic product (GDP) growth forecasts to 5 percent and 6 percent, respectively, from 4.5 percent and 5 percent. The upgrade was on the back of a more upbeat view of foreign direct investments in the mining sector.

UBS also revised it forecast on the peso-US dollar exchange rate this year to 55 from 57 and next year, to 54 from 56 as it factored in more investment inflows and an improvement in the fiscal situation.

VICE PRESIDENT Noli De Castro, who is also the chair of the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC), swears into office lawyer Jose Luis "Bobet" L. Vera as member of the Home Development Mutual Fund or Pag-Ibig Fund board of trustees representing the private employees sector. The Pag-Ibig Fund holds the biggest housing portfolio in the country.

N. Mindanao workers hail log ban lifting

NORTHERN Mindanao's five biggest wood-based labor unions hailed President Macapagal-Arroyo for exercising strong political will in her decision to partially lift the three-month long total log ban in the Caraga Region and Region 11.

The labor unions—Labor and Management Practitioners' Association for Regional Advancement (Lampara), All Workers Alliance Trade Union (affiliate of the Trade Union Congress of the Philippines), Union Plywood Laborers Association (affiliate of Associated Labor Union), Vicmar Labor Union (affiliate of TUCP) and Catimco Laborers Union—described the President's action as judicious, both for economic and ecologic reasons.

There is an estimated 40,000 laborers employed by the wood industry in Mindanao.

Lampara president Felipe P. Villacastin said, "it is a fact that the remaining forest covers in the entire Caraga Region are logging concession areas."

He said it was a proof that it was through the continued existence of selective and sustainable logging operations that the proper conservation of the forest can be guaranteed.

A total log ban is impractical and unrealistic as this will only hasten the rapid denudation and total destruction of our remaining forest covers due to the lack of government forest rangers.

Milbert Macarambong, Awatu regional director for Northern Mindanao, said "the decision of the President had balanced the chemistry of sustainable forest management and economic considerations.

UPLA spokesperson Marivic-Torres said the President's move was timely because it averted the growing restlessness of the wood-based laborers in Northern Mindanao during the almost three-month logging suspension because of impending starvation of the workers and their families.

Questions of Policies

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an alcoholic drink unless you could show the bartender a hi-tech driver's license. Soon enough, teenagers were producing authentic-looking licenses produced from their home computers.

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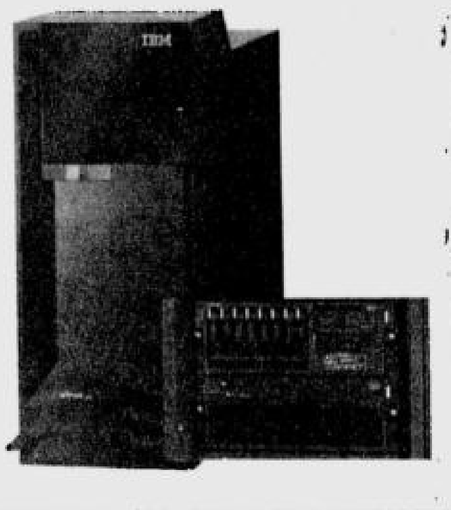

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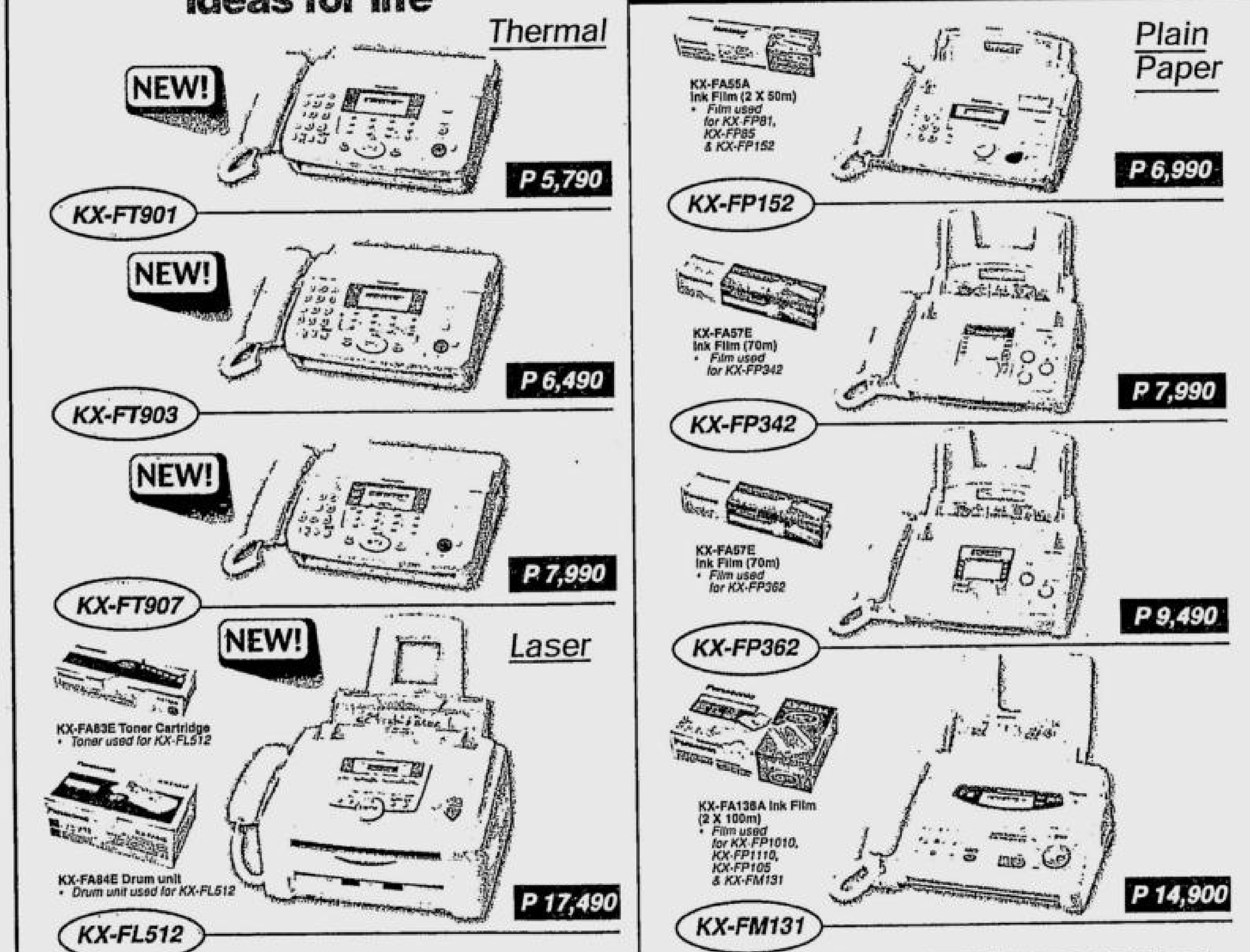

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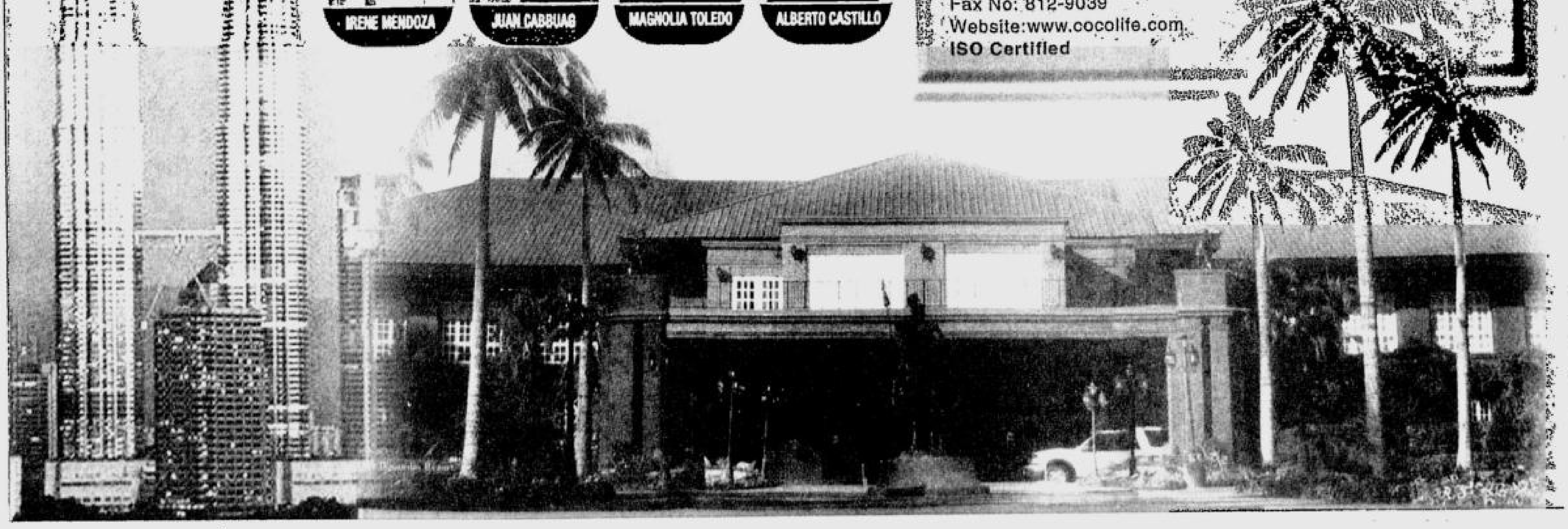

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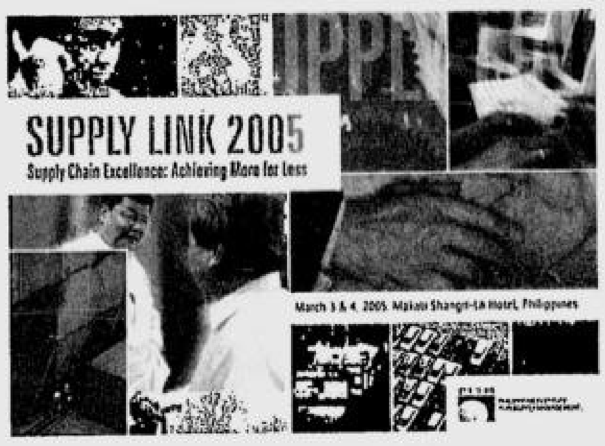
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So, who's afraid of third-party ...

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vestor were taken custody by the GSED, from where the debt instrument was bought.

The BTr then recorded the sale in its Registry of Scripless Securities (ROSS). The BTr maintained accounts of each GSED, and it was in those accounts that the securities were registered and kept safe.

But the BSP did not like the idea of the GSEDs, as well as the issuers of securities, acting as custodians of the debt instruments.

BSP officials said that there was a conflict of interest in this arrangement. The BSP also insisted that the functions of a securities custodian and registry were different and must be separated.

According to the BSP, a securities custodian would have to safeguard the securities of the client, hold the title to the securities in a nominee capacity, execute purchase or sale orders, represent clients in corporate actions and conduct valuation.

A securities registry, on the other hand, would have to maintain an electronic registry book, deliver confirmation of transactions, issue registry confirmation for transfers of ownership and prepare statements of the securities' balances as required by the investor.

Last January, the Department of Justice ruled in favor of the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas, saying that the BTr must not perform the dual role of securities registry and custodianship.

According to the BSP, third-party custodians can now readily protect investors from fraudulent trading activities, such as the Bancap scam that happened in 1993.

In that incident, T-bills and T-bonds were sold several times to different investors. The practice almost brought down the financial market.

Capital market boost

Third-party custodians, who provide value-added services like access to investment opportunities, are key to developing the domestic capital market, the BSP said.

"Filipinos actually have money, but they just cannot find enough investment opportunities," said Nestor Espenilla, BSP assistant governor. "This is the reason why many of us are victimized by pyramiding scams."

Officials noted that over 90 percent of debt instruments traded in the capital market were in the form of government securities, and a very few came in the form of equities and corporate papers.

Also, investors normally only wait until the debt instruments mature before they get their yields.

Having third-party custodians would change all these, the BSP said. The current system would, it claimed, gradually build up the Philippine capital market to be at par with other highly developed markets in the world.

"Now, investors are passive because they just wait until their securities mature before they get their yields," said Roy Lacsamana, president and chief operating officer of Philippine Depository and Trust Corp. (PDTC). "But if there is a system by which they can do other investment activities, such as lend their securities prior to maturity, then their yield will even be higher."

The PDTC is one of the six entities that have already secured accreditation with the BSP to act as custodians. The five others include Bank of the Philippine Islands, Hong Kong Shanghai Banking Corp., Standard Chartered Bank, Citibank and Deutsche Bank.

Ava Zulueta, a PDS Holdings consultant, said investors could not enjoy the value-added services if their securities were merely lodged with the BTr's ROSS.

She said third-party custodians could serve as collateral managers. This function is useful for a holder of security who wants to use the debt instrument as a loan collateral for immediate liquidity needs. Third-party custodians will assist the holder of security in getting competitive loan terms, she explained.

For proponents of third-party custody and capital market development, it is high time for the Philippines to adopt the reform programs. Without a positive attitude toward reforms, they said, the Philippines would lag behind the rest of the world.

"These reforms have long been implemented in other countries," Castillo said. "Why should there be a resistance to reforms that would help the country develop?" *With a report from Doris C. Dumlao*

No Free Lunch

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similar outlook of slower growth for the global economy as forecast by the World Bank, IMF, and other multilateral institutions.

We may have some good news enough to encourage us for now, but there's still a long way to go toward stabilizing the economy, broadening the participation in, and benefits from, our economy's growth, and achieving sustained improvement in the lives of the great majority of Filipino families.

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11:15- 12:15	Session Two : **The Taste that Conquered the Nation Now Conquers the World** Insights of successful ventures of home grown concepts in the food business that managed to converge its products and services to meet the demands of a converging market both in the local as well as in the global setting
Lunch Break	

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1:30 – 1:45	Ice Breaker
1:45 – 2:45	Session Three : **Pain Makes Gains : Pharmaceutical Companies Going Beyond Pain** Proven local brand strategic applications in the pharmaceutical business that challenge global market leaders and players in creating ideal synergies for a convergent market
2:45 – 3:45	Session Four : **The New Empire : Shaping the Future of High - Rise Condominiums** Guiding principles in braving the battle against big brothers in the real estate business despite the threatening and unstable socio-economic scenarios affecting business growth
3:45 – 4 :00	Break
4:00 – 5 :00	Session Five : **Marketing Superiority Through Super Events : The "Incredible" Story** Creative marketing executions that enliven the palette of consumers using convergent applications of events marketing thus bringing product promotion to extremely challenging standards
5:00 – 5:15	Recap by Session Chair

DAY 2 : May 26, 2005

Morning Sessions

8:00 – 9:15	Networking Coffee
9:15 – 10 :15	Session 6 : **Mega Formulas for Extreme Marketing from a Marketing Guru** A discussion on strategic principles of extreme marketing as presented by the world-reknowned Hermawan Katajaya
10:15- 12:15	Session 7 : **The Telecommunications Industry (Illustration)** Part 1 : **Revealed : Telecommunications Convergence: Challenge to the Extreme!** Current trends and future strategic directions of the highly evolving telecommunications industry amidst the challenge of simultaneous product and market convergence Part 2 : **The Call Center Phenomenon : Converging Global Business Interests** A deeper analysis of the fast expanding call center commerce and its significant role in the convergence of business interests around the world
Lunch Break	

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1:00– 1:15	Ice Breaker 2
1:15 – 1:30	Agora Awards Launch / Other PMA Activities
1:30 – 2:30	Session Eight : **Mall Mania : Shop Until You Drop !** Revelations in the bullet-speed growth of the retail industry and the magnetic attraction of a converging business to a market mix of unique styles but common interests
2:30- 3:30	Session Nine : **New Rules in Market Leadership : Success Stories in Non-traditional Bank Marketing** Non-traditional rules applied to traditionally common practices that have created raves in the banking sector.
3:30 – 3:45	Break
3:45 – 4:30	Session Ten : **Creativity on the Edge : Media & Marketing Convergence** Strategic partnering innovations that unify media creativity and marketing excellence gearing to meet the challenge of convergence
4:30 – 5:15	**Advertising Convergence: Bringing Filipino Consumers Closer to the Brand through Humor** A compilation of the interesting facets of humor in advertising that has sent light messages to the market but delivered solid bottom results to target sales
5:15 – 5:45	Closing Session : **The Road to Recovery through Market Convergence** A presentation of ingenuous approaches for business revivals and growth in a converging market
5:45 – 6:00	Recap by Session Chair

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Internet activists slam anti-terror bill

By Erwin Lemuel G. Oliva
Contributor

A GROUP of Filipino Internet activists espousing Filipino communication rights has launched an online petition against the anti-terrorism bill filed in Congress.

The group, called Bantay ICT (ICT Watch), opened its online petition at http://www.petitiononline.com/jmod69/petition.html to mobilize support to stop the government's plan to enact an anti-terrorism bill.

The group is currently composed of five members working for non-government organizations, according to the group's founder Joey Dimaandal.

Dimaandal who is also a member of local activist group Akbayan said that this online petition is started out as a personal effort. "So I'm inviting mostly friends to join the online petition," the 36-year-old said in a telephone interview.

Dimaandal has been active on the Internet, putting up specialized websites such as the onlinewomeninpolitics.org and erapalis.net.ph, which was cited in a Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism book.

In his recent online initiative, Dimaandal aims to gather 1,000 signatures on or before March 18, the day Congress is scheduled to go on recess for the Holy Week. These signatures will then be submitted to the House committee on Human Rights.

Bantay ICT noted in statement that the online petition intends to stop the "evil plot of the Arroyo government to curtail our right to privacy and our freedom to communicate as the proposed anti-terror measures will allow monitoring of e-mail exchanges between private individuals just because the authorities suspect them of being terrorist."

The group is against House Bill 3374, authored by Rep. Robert Ace Barbers, which the group claims will "throw us back to the Dark Ages when dissension equals death."

The group added that Section 7 of the bill will allow government to monitor e-mail exchanges and websites, including SMS.

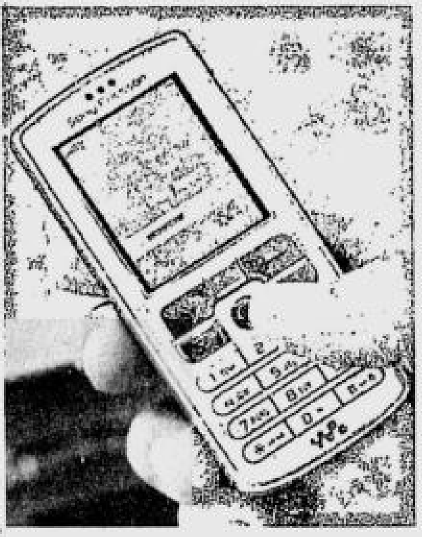
"This is dangerous. Under the pretext of combating 'terrorism,' [since] this bill threatens our personal freedom to communicate. The government might abuse this measure to conduct surveillance to minimize dissent and silence progressives," Dimaandal said in the statement.

The group pointed out that the anti-terrorism bill does not make any distinction between a real "terrorists" and ordinary people who are simply against the government or the military.

"Everyone is fair game especially human rights activists, youth leaders, trade unionists and even journalists," said Vince Cruz, a member of Bantay ICT, referring to the anti-terrorism bill.

Citing a study conducted by the Privacy International, the group said wiretapping and monitoring of online environments such as e-mail and websites are "highly intrusive forms of investigation and affect persons and organizations opposing a government."

"The same study revealed that in Denmark and Sweden, two of the most democratic countries in the world, intelligence organizations were conducting surveillance of thousands of left-wing activists for nearly four decades. Here in the Philippines, where evidence and suspects are recycled, the authorities might use e-surveillance as a trap to contain activism and opposition," added Melody Asia, a member of the group.



WALKMAN LIVES
SONY has resurrected the Walkman into a device that's a music player, camera and phone in one. Sony Ericsson has kick-started its entry into the mobile music market with the announcement of the W800i, the first Walkman branded mobile phone. It is a mobile phone, an MP3 player and a 2-megapixel camera rolled into one.

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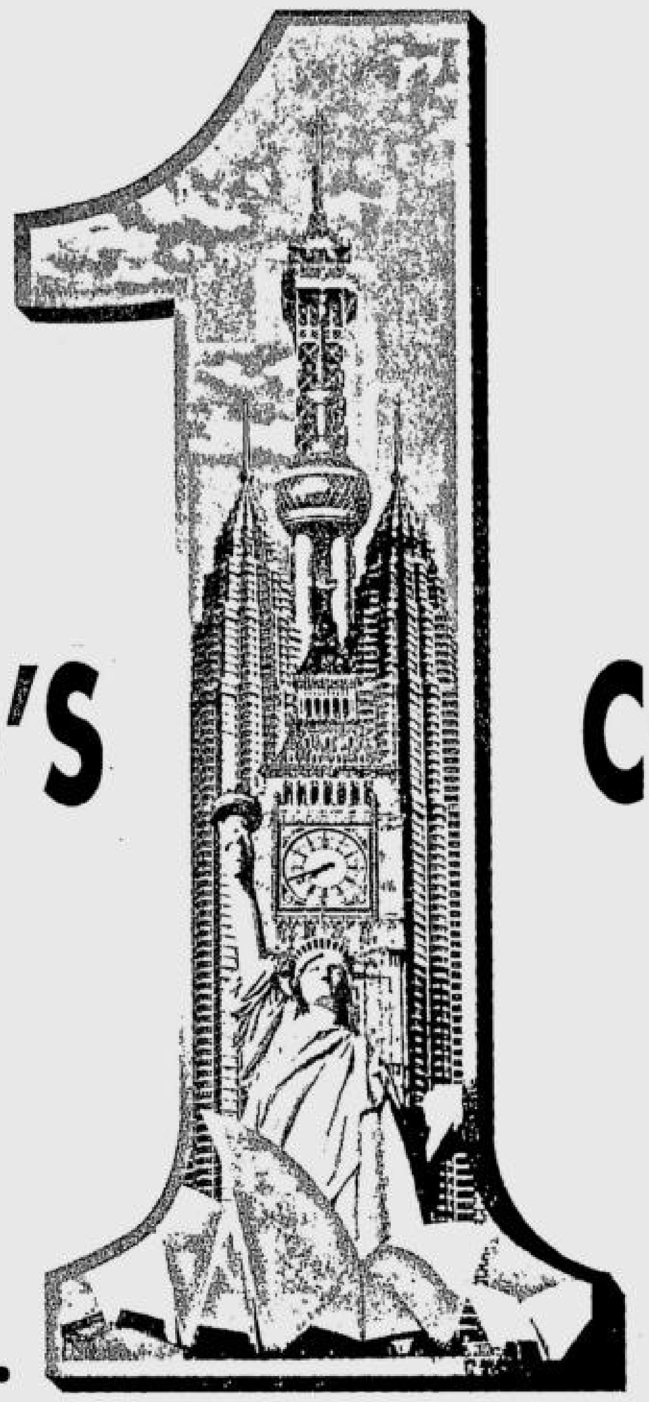

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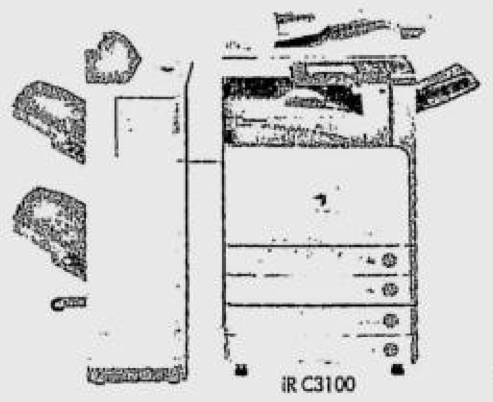

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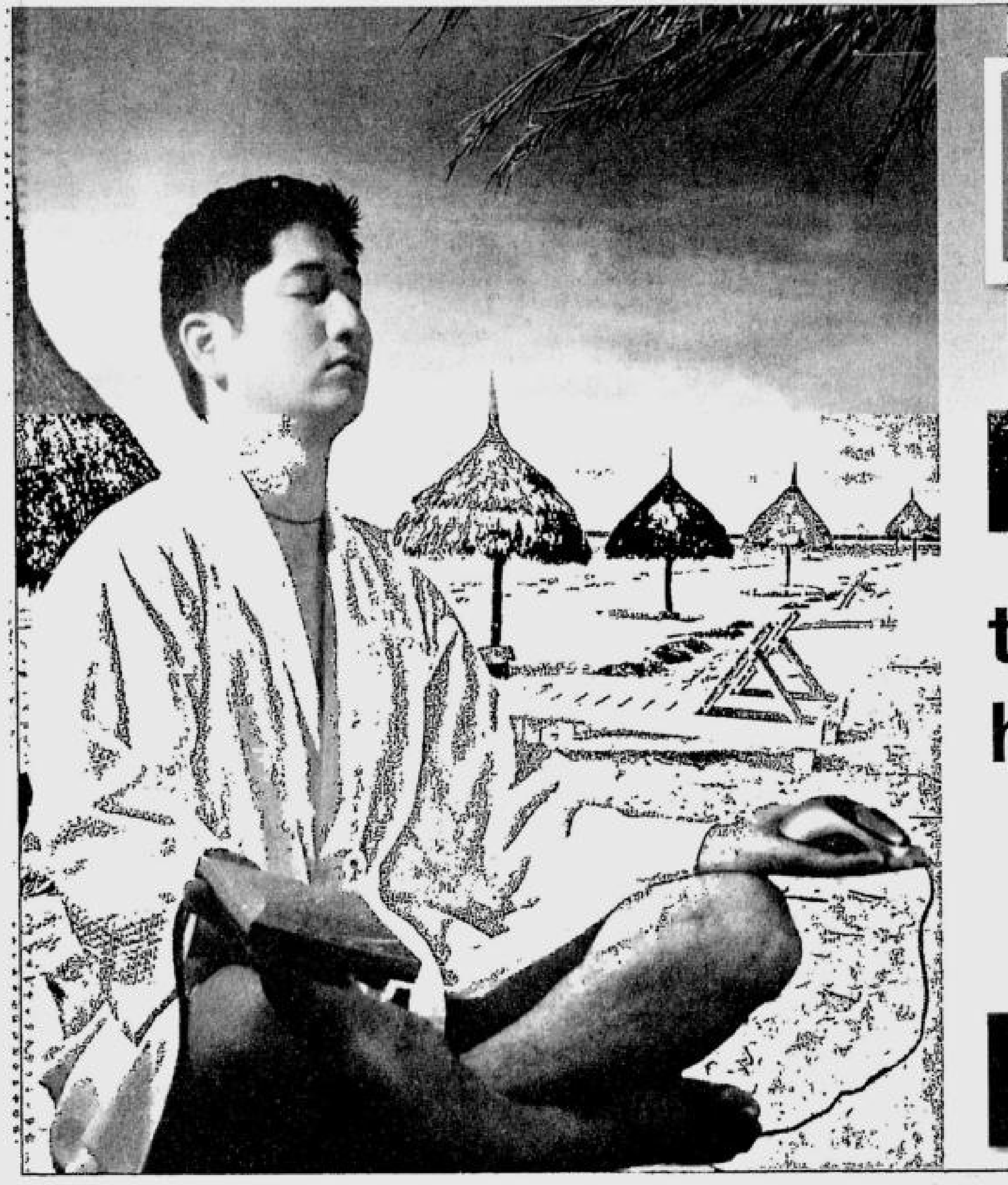

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IAJE bags PRSP's Anvil for tourism advocacy campaign

IN-A-JIFFY Enterprises (IAJE), exclusive distributor of WOW! Magic Sing Premium, recently bagged the Anvil Award for innovative PR tool for its tourism advocacy campaign "Sing Through The Philippines" during the Public Relations Society of Philippines 40th Anvil Awards ceremony held at the Mandarin Hotel in Makati City.

WOW! Magic Sing Premium was cited for its unique approach, which is geared towards promoting local tourism. WOW! Magic Sing Premium is the only videoke microphone in the market today that promotes tourism by highlighting the Philippines' tourist destinations and world-class establishments with its built-in WOW Philippines scenic picture backgrounds.

SHOWN, from left, are Marvin Macatol, information officer, G2K Corp, Nep Llamo, IT department head, IAJ Corp; Evelyn Cabauatan, managing partner, MediaWorks; Mike Sanchez, general manager, Max-Energie Ventures Corp; Linda Sanchez, chief financial officer, IAJE; Cris Llamo, chief operations officer, IJAE, Olive Sanchez, general manager, IAJE, Andres Sanchez Jr, president, IAJE; Liez Timagos, finance and accounting manager, G2K Corp; Vilma Floresca, sales manager, G2K Corp; Daniel del Rosario, vice president for operations, G2K Corp; and Miguel Romero, managing partner, MediaWorks.

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FORUM HIGHLIGHTS*
Afternoon Session
(Start: 1:30pm End: 4:30pm)
1. Lito Tanjuatco, President - DLSAA
2. Br. Armin A. Luistro, FSC President - DLSU, "Forum Opening Remarks"
3. Rene J. Buenaventura, CEO - Equitable PCIB, Keynote Speaker
4. Ramon Isberto, Head Public Affairs - Smart, "Communicate Effectively or Be Left Behind"
5. Juan Miguel del Rosario, VP HR - Unit. Pulp and Paper Co. Inc., "Have Emotional Intelligence, Have a Great Career"
6. Franz Pumaren, Basketball Coach - DLSU, "Down but Not Out: Career Applications from the 2004 DLSU Basketball Championship Team"
Evening Session
(Start: 5:00 pm End: 8:00 pm)
1. Dr. Carmelita I. Quebengco, EVP - DLSU, "Opening Remarks"
2. Franco del Rosario, CEO - 6Sigma Consulting, "The Single Biggest Thing That Can Help or Hinder Your Career"
3. James Motti, CEO Ayala AON, "It is the Minor Details which Lead to the Major League!"
4. Gerard Sanvictores, SGV Partner, "The 3 Musts Executives Look For In Candidates"
5. Boy Martinez, Head Per. Comm. & Mob. Services Smart, "The Fastest Way To Become The Chief Marketing Officer"
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REGISTRATION DETAILS:
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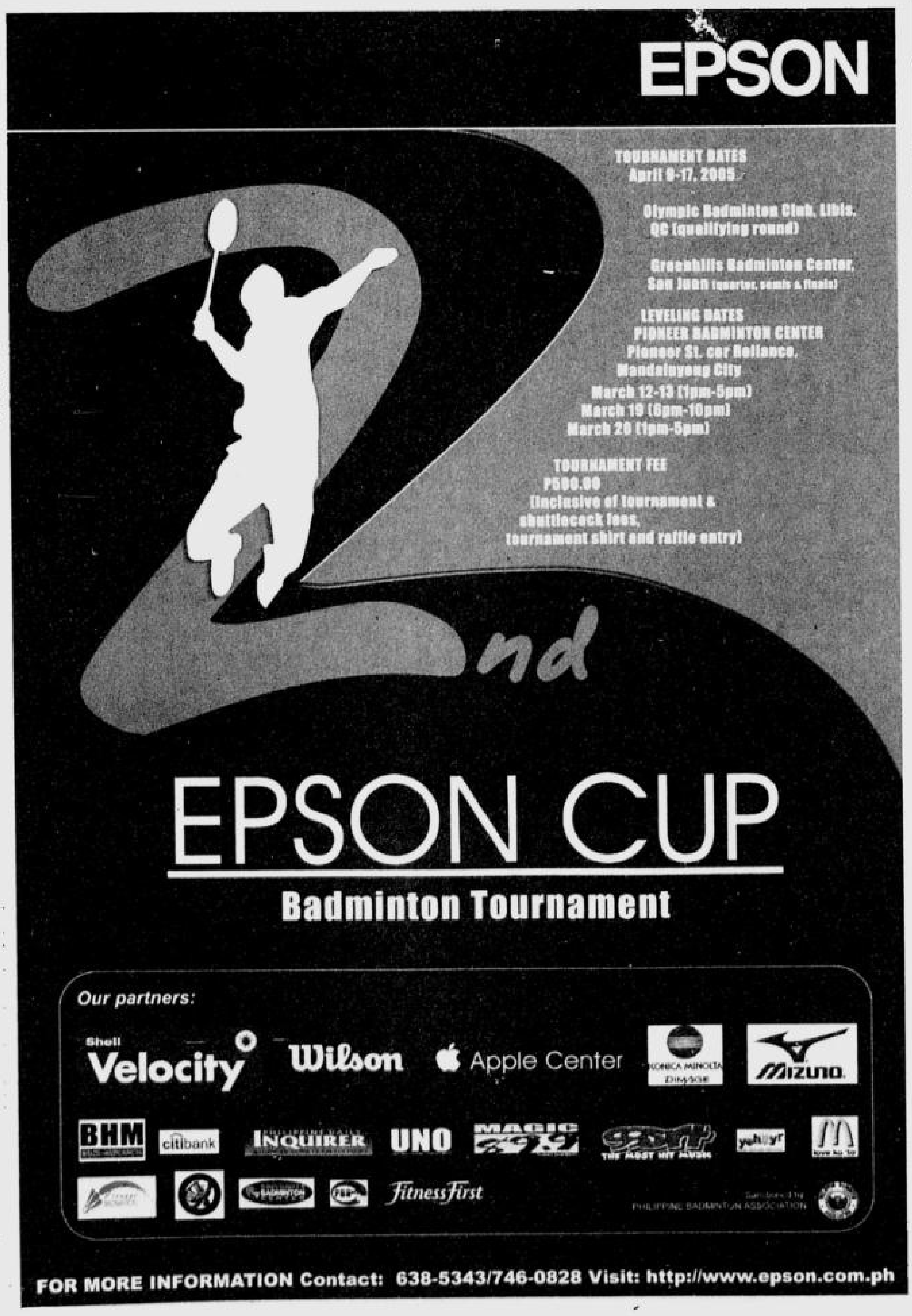
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Photography, video workshop

THE UNIVERSITY of the Philippines Film Institute (UPFI) invites participants to its 2nd batch of workshops for 2005. The Basic Photography Workshop from March 14 to 19 is a basic black-and-white photography course designed for those with little or no experience in photography. Students are required to have a 35mm camera with manual exposure control. Workshop directors are Joseph Fortin, cinematographer of the UP Film Institute, and Raffy Lerma, photojournalist of the Philippine Daily Inquirer. Starting March 28, the Intensive Video Production Workshop exposes participants to an intensive 10-day hands-on course consisting of lecture demonstrations on video technology, film grammar, screenings and productions of narrative and documentary video exercises. Workshop directors are Ramon Bautista, filmmaker/producer, and Milo Paz-GMA, director. Interested parties can call Laisa at 925-0286. or 926-3640.

'Let's Talk Wellness'

NESTLE Philippines Inc launches a nationwide initiative "Let's Talk Wellness" by hosting the 1st Philippine Health and Nutrition Summit in Metro Manila on March 14. Four regional summits will follow in Tagaytay for southern Luzon on March 18, Baguio for northern and central Luzon on March 28, Cebu for the Visayas on April 8, and Davao for Mindanao on April 15. The initiative is in line with the company's global thrust of serving consumers by addressing their evolving needs, particularly in achieving and maintaining wellness for themselves and their families with regard to health and nutrition concerns. It promotes useful knowledge on five dimensions of wellness: Nourish them right; perform like no other; feel good about yourself; share your love, and; enjoy simple pleasures.

Eyelash extension grafting

PERFECT Solution Trading will be conducting a seminar on "Eyelash Extension Grafting" on March 15. Learn the technique and skill of this latest beauty innovation, which is fast invading the beauty industry. The one-day seminar will be conducted by top hair guru Tony Galvez and will be held at the Perfect Solution Trading office at the Tony Galvez Centrum, 124 9th Avenue, Cubao, Quezon City. For registration, drop by the Tony Galvez Centrum, or call 913-4370 or 913-3953. E-mail tgalvez117@yahoo.com.

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NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that Panasonic Communications Imaging Corporation of the Philippines (PCIP), will cease its business operations effective March 31, 2005. This will be effected through amendment of its Articles of Incorporation shortening its corporate existence. The business, certain assets, liabilities and obligations to the creditors and customers of PCIP as of March 31, 2005 will be transferred/ assumed by Panasonic Communications Corporation of the Philippines (PCP) with office address at Lot C3-8 Carmelray Industrial Park II, Special Economic Zone, Calamba, Laguna with telephone nos. 63-49-546-0109/110, 63-49-546-0112, 02-663-7920, fax no. 63-49-546-0111/0189.

The above decisions were in accordance with the duly adopted resolutions of the Board of Directors and Stockholders of PCIP and PCP in conformity with the business programs of Panasonic Holding (Netherlands) B.V. owner of both corporations, in order to strengthen its global market position and to meet the challenges and the emerging competition in the region.

PANASONIC COMMUNICATIONS IMAGING CORPORATION OF THE PHILIPPINES

(Sgd.) **MAKOTO NAKAMURA**
President and Chairman of the Board of Directors

(PDI--Feb. 28, March 7 & 14, 2005)

Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas
Maynila, Pilipinas

BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Bids and Awards Committee- Head Office, Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas (BSP) invites BSP/G-EPS registered companies/contractors and other interested suppliers to a public bidding for the one lot – supply, installation, delivery and commissioning of

Two (2) sets X-ray Machines each with Uninterruptible Power Supply (UPS), for the use of BSP-Security Plant Complex as per attached BSP Bill of Quantities, Technical Specifications and Scope of Works.

Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC) – P5,720,000.00

Completion Period: Within ninety (90) calendar days after receipt of Purchase Order.

Bid documents are available from March 15, 2005 to April 5, 2005 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P2,860.00 at the following

BAC Secretariat
Rm. 212, 2nd Floor, 5-Storey Building
Cor. A. Mabini and P. Ocampo Sr. Sts., Malate, Manila
Tel. No(s). 5236427

Pre-Bid Conference Time and Date: April 8, 2005 at 2:00 PM
Bidding Date and Time: April 20, 2005 not later than 10:00 AM
Place: Room MR2A, 2nd Floor, 5-Storey Building, BSP Main Complex, Malate, Manila

Interested bidders shall submit not later than the bidding date and time the following documents in three (3) separate envelopes.

Envelope No. 1:

1. Articles of Incorporation, Business Registration Papers and Company Profile
2. Y2003 Audited Financial Statements (Income Statement & Balance Sheet)
3. Y2003 Income Tax Return duly stamped/received by the Bureau of Internal Revenue (BIR) or its Authorized Agent Bank or a Certified True Copy of Y2003 of Income Tax Return issued by the Revenue District Officer of the Bureau of Internal Revenue concerned (for electronic filing)
4. Taxpayer's Identification Number (Photocopy of the TIN Card)
5. Valid and current Mayor's Permit/Municipal License, if not available, Official Receipt of Y2005 license/permit application
6. Prospective bidder's computation for its Net Financial Contracting Capacity (NFCC) which shall be at least equal to the ABC, duly signed by the authorized signing official and supported with pertinent documents, i.e., financial statements and copies of on going project contracts, or a commitment from a licensed bank to extend to it a credit line if awarded the contract to be bid, or a cash deposit certificate valid for at least one (1) month reckoned from April 1, 2005. The commitment or cash deposit certificate shall be in an amount not lower than 10% of the ABC. The NFCC shall be computed as follows: NFCC= [(Current assets – Current liabilities) (K)] minus value of all outstanding projects, K=10
7. Sworn statement that the firm is not blacklisted from bidding in any Government Office, Agency, Corporation
8. Letter authorizing the BAC or its duly authorized representative to verify any or all of the documents submitted for eligibility check.
9. Sworn certification by the prospective bidder or his authorized representative that each of the documents submitted is an original copy or a true and faithful reproduction or copy of the original.
10. Affidavit of the prospective bidder that he or she or any officer of their corporation is not related to the head of the procuring entity by consanguinity or affinity up to the third civil degree
11. Certificate of authorized dealership or distributorship from the manufacturer
12. Certificate of quality assurance from the product manufacturer (e.g. ISO, BVI and other reputable standard issuing authority)
13. Certification from the Manufacturer attesting full support in supplying spare parts, accessories, and related items of the equipment (for at least five (5) years or more after its delivery), as well as after sales service
14. Sworn certification from the bidders indicating that they have an authorized technical service center located within Metro Manila, Philippines with complete spare parts, equipment tools and trained technicians
15. List of at least two (2) satisfied clients with similar completed project, each amounting to 50% of ABC. The list should include the name/s of the contact person, address, email address and telephone / fax numbers
16. List and information on personnel who will be fully/partially involved in the project, including photocopy of the certificate of training of said personnel from the manufacturer of the equipment

Envelope No. 2:

1. Instructions to Bidders
2. Duly accomplished Certification/Undertaking
3. Original Bid Security
4. Original brochures and technical data sheet

Envelope No. 3:

Price Proposal with detailed cost breakdown

All envelopes shall be dropped in the bid box located at Room MR2A, 5-Storey Bldg., BSP Main Complex. LATE BIDS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

The BSP assumes no obligation to compensate or indemnify the bidders for expenses incurred in the preparation of their bids.

The BSP reserves the right to reject any and all bid proposals, or declare the bidding a failure, or not award the contract, and make no assurance that a contract shall be entered into as a result of the invitation.

(Sgd) MELPIN A. GONZAGA
Vice-Chairman

(PDI - March 14, 2005)

Pasay City Government

OFFICE OF THE CITY TREASURER

NOTICE OF SALE OF DELINQUENT REAL PROPERTIES

BY VIRTUE OF THE PROVISIONS OF THE SECTION 260 OF REPUBLIC ACT 7160 OTHERWISE KNOWN AS THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT CODE THE UNDERSIGNED SHALL SELL AT PUBLIC AUCTION ON APRIL 05, 2005, AT TWO O'CLOCK IN THE AFTERNOON (2:00 P.M.)AT SESSION HALL OF THE CITY HALL BUILDING THE REAL PROPERTIES LISTED BELOW WHICH ARE HEREBY CERTIFIED DELINQUENT IN THE PAYMENT OF REAL PROPERTY TAXES, TO SATISFY ALL REALTY TAXES, PENALTIES AND COST DUE THEREON AS THE DATE OF SALE.

	Current ARP No.	Declared Owner	Property Location	Area	TCT No.		Assessed Value		Year Delinquent	Tax Due as of Dec. 2005	Penalty	Cost of Collection	Total Amount
						Land	Imp.	Mach.					
1	B1-004-00021	Modesta Sabeniano et al	Roxas Blvd.	887.00	129932	13,305,000.00			1996-2005	3,061,001.40	1,884,600.96	494,560.24	5,440,162.60
2	B1-005-00002	Development Corp. of Asia	Roxas Blvd.	3,008.00	18249	45,120,000.00			1999-2005	6,948,480.00	3,920,025.60	1,086,850.56	11,955,356.16
3	B1-005-00027	San Pedro Romeo	43 Lourdes St.	134.20			153,350.00		1991-2005	47,258.40	32,162.34	7,942.07	87,362.81
4	B1-006-00005	Garcia, Felicitas	6 Lourdes St.	110.62	-		171,910.00		1997-2005	38,679.84	24,411.37	6,309.12	69,400.33
5	B1-006-00004	Garcia, Felicitas	6 Lourdes St.	358.00	20050	300,720.00			1997-2005	55,848.00	34,196.16	9,004.42	99,048.58
6	B1-007-00012	Javier Esnella Victa	1946 F. B Harrison St.	264.00	13027	1,188,000.00			1998-2005	213,840.00	125,452.80	33,929.28	373,222.08
7	B1-077-00014	Javier Esnella Victa	1947 F.B Harrison St.	66.70	-		60,350.00		2002-2005	4,903.47	2,323.52	722.70	7,949.69
8	B1-007-00001	Ternate Utilities Inc.	Roxas Blvd.	5,650.00	133164	84,750,000.00			2003-2005	5,720,625.00	1,118,700.00	683,932.50	7,523,257.50
9	B1-009-00016	Dualan Sinagtala	Buendia Ext.	300.00	128678	3,375,000.00			1997-2005	466,875.00	255,150.00	72,202.50	794,227.50
10	B1-009-00034	Dualan Sinagtala	Buendia Ext.	60.00			128,400.00		1997-2005	27,285.00	17,077.20	4,436.22	48,798.42
11	B1-009-00022	Dualan Sinagtala	Buendia Ext.	60.00			128,400.00		2002-2005	12,037.50	6,099.00	1,813.65	19,950.15
12	B1-009-00030	Dualan Sinagtala	Buendia Ext.	60.00	2676		128,400.00		1997-2005	26,482.50	16,499.40	4,298.19	47,280.09
13	B1-009-00020	Dualan Sinagtala	Buendia Ext.	60.00	2661		358,720.00		2001-2005	40,356.00	21,881.92	6,223.79	68,461.71
14	B1-009-00028	Dualan Sinagtala	Buendia Ext.	60.00	2669		128,400.00		1997-2005	26,482.50	16,499.40	4,298.19	47,280.09
15	B1-009-00029	Dualan Sinagtala	Buendia Ext.	60.00	2670		128,400.00		1997-2005	26,482.50	16,499.40	4,298.19	47,280.09
16	B1-009-00019	Dualan Sinagtala	Buendia Ext.	60.00	2660		128,400.00		1997-2005	26,482.50	16,499.40	4,298.19	47,280.09
17	B1-009-00033	Dualan Sinagtala	Buendia Ext.	60.00	2673		128,400.00		1997-2005	26,482.50	16,499.40	4,298.19	47,280.09
18	B1-009-00027	Dualan Sinagtala	Buendia Ext.	60.00	2668		359,200.00		1997-2005	74,085.00	46,157.20	12,024.22	132,266.42
19	B1-009-00041	Monica Condo. Corp.	92 Sen Gil Puyat Ave.	-	-		30,000.00		1999-2005	5,250.00	3,180.00	843.00	9,273.00
20	B1-013-00138	Marbella Condo. Corp.	Roxas Blvd.-Roberts	192.00	-		561,790.00		1998-2005	112,358.08	69,661.85	18,201.99	200,221.92
21	B1-013-00124	Marbella Condo. Corp.	Roxas Blvd.-Roberts	192.00	-		561,790.00		1996-2005	140,447.60	89,886.25	23,033.39	253,367.24
22	B1-013-00057	Marbella Condo. Corp.	Roxas Blvd.-Roberts	406.80	-		541,040.00		1991-2005	200,500.56	170,200.52	37,070.11	407,771.19
23	B1-009-00040	Atangan Rogelio	Buendia Etx.	301.00	16432	1,354,500.00			1997-2005	225,750.07	135,450.02	36,120.01	397,320.10
24	B1-013-00355	Lantin Avelino	2287 F. B Harrison St.	326.50	-		668,510.00		1994-2005	200,553.12	131,028.16	33,158.13	364,739.41
25	B1-013-00294	Cogliatti, Aldo	Roxas Blvd.	106.87	-		446,720.00		2000-2005	77,059.20	44,761.36	12,182.06	134,002.62
26	B1-013-00136	Abudance Marketing Inc.	Roxas Blvd.-Roberts	410.00	-		558,250.00		1999-2005	97,693.96	59,174.60	15,686.86	172,555.42
27	B1-013-00125	Abudance Marketing Inc.	Roxas Blvd.-Roberts	192.00	-		561,790.00		1999-2005	19,662.44	59,549.65	7,921.21	87,133.30
28	B1-013-00345	Sanchez, Andres	157 Roberts St.	129.26	-		136,260.00		1995-2005	37,196.72	24,076.29	6,127.30	67,400.31
29	B1-013-00392	Tan See Jessica	2250 Roberts St.	1,073.84	117373	1,202,700.00			2002-2005	115,974.70	59,447.75	17,542.25	192,964.70
30	B1-013-00393	Tan See Jessica	2250 Roberts St.	251.65	-		143,130.00		2002-2005	14,313.12	7,442.72	2,175.58	23,931.42
31	B1-076-01620	Nova North Star Realty Corp.	Don B. Hernandez St.	471.77	132278	1,474,860.00			1998-2005	294,459.84	176,614.44	47,107.43	518,181.71
32	B1-079-00017	Marvillo Herminio	230 Edsa Ext.	352.90	132054		646,220.00		1993-2005	235,429.48	153,999.94	38,942.94	428,372.36
33	B1-079-00125	Montilla Augustin III	Taft Ave cor. Cuneta St.	645.00	2883		2,939,270.00		1991-2005	1,093,795.92	800,375.13	189,417.11	2,083,588.16
34	B1-079-00167	Vergara, Marietta	Park Ave.	198.27	-		1,543,360.00		1997-2005	347,256.00	199,865.12	54,712.11	601,833.23
35	B1-088-00100	Uni-Harvest Realty Holding Inc,	2490 Park Ave.	97.50	135009		145,030.00		1996-2005	36,257.60	23,204.65	5,946.23	65,408.48
36	B1-089-00045	Reyes, Carlos	2521 Int. Taft Ave.	470.00	74673	1,410,000.00			1991-2005	219,947.50	140,415.00	36,036.25	396,398.75
37	B1-089-00046	Reyes, Carlos	2521 Int. Taft Ave.	18.40	-		18,680.00		1991-2005	7,879.00	7,493.85	1,537.29	16,910.14
38	B1-089-00047	Reyes, Carlos	2521 Int. Taft Ave.	56.00	-		22,980.00		1991-2005	8,019.24	6,394.08	1,441.33	15,854.65
39	B1-089-00048	Reyes, Carlos	2521 Int. Taft Ave.	105.50	-		18,990.00		1991-2005	7,983.12	7,562.33	1,554.55	17,100.00
40	B1-089-00009	Molave Farms Corp. 1/2 & C & D Investment Realty	3577 Cor Escobal - Taft Ave	1,503.58	131053	4,510,740.00			1994-2005	905,155.32	561,496.98	146,665.23	1,613,317.53
41	B1-089-00010	Molave Farms Corp. 1/2 & C & D Investment Realty	3577 Cor. Taft- Escobal St.	231.00	-		459,420.00		1991-2005	162,170.52	130,944.65	29,311.52	322,426.69
42	B1-090-00142	Martinez, Rizalino & Benito	Taft Ave.	323.70	-		984,870.00		1995-2005	284,665.08	181,321.89	46,598.70	512,585.67
43	B1-145-00023	Light Rail Transit Authority	Baclaran Boundary to Manila	31,511.78	-		303,728,000.00		1987-2005	173,124,960.00	270,439,411.20	44,356,437.12	487,920,808.32
44	B2-015-00653	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	85.79	8951		465,410.00		1999-2005	81,446.96	49,333.55	13,078.05	143,858.56
45	B2-015-00652	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	55.50	6950		258,080.00		1999-2005	45,164.00	27,356.48	7,252.05	79,772.53
46	B2-015-00631	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	87.54	6929		474,900.00		1999-2005	83,107.64	50,339.42	13,344.71	146,791.77
47	B2-015-00563	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	58.04	6861		269,890.00		1999-2005	47,230.96	28,608.24	7,583.92	83,423.12
48	B2-015-00554	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	55.25	6852		256,910.00		1999-2005	44,959.32	27,232.56	7,219.19	79,411.07
49	B2-015-00543	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	58.04	6841		269,890.00		1999-2005	47,230.96	28,608.24	7,583.92	83,423.12
50	B2-015-00512	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	59.00	6810		274,350.00		1999-2005	48,011.32	29,081.22	7,709.25	84,801.79
51	B2-015-00433	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	59.00	6730		274,350.00		1999-2005	48,011.32	29,081.22	7,709.25	84,801.79
52	B2-015-00364	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	58.04	6660		269,890.00		1999-2005	47,230.96	28,608.24	7,583.92	83,423.12
53	B2-015-00384	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	58.04	6681		269,890.00		1999-2005	47,230.96	28,608.24	7,583.92	83,423.12
54	B2-015-00645	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	54.54	6943		253,610.00		1999-2005	44,381.96	26,882.75	7,126.47	78,391.18
55	B2-015-00550	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	54.54	6848		253,610.00		1999-2005	47,006.96	28,772.75	7,577.97	83,357.68
56	B2-015-00535	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	63.83	6833		296,810.00		1999-2005	51,941.96	31,461.95	8,340.39	91,744.30
57	B2-015-00647	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	59.00	6945		274,350.00		1999-2005	48,011.32	29,081.22	7,709.25	84,801.79
58	B2-015-00356	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	63.83	6653		296,810.00		1999-2005	51,941.96	31,461.95	8,340.39	91,744.30
59	B2-015-00649	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	119.80	6947		646,010.00		1999-2005	113,051.96	68,477.15	18,152.91	199,682.02
60	B2-015-00630	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	54.54	6928		253,610.00		1999-2005	44,381.96	26,882.75	7,126.47	78,391.18
61	B2-015-00615	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	63.83	6913		296,810.00		1999-2005	51,941.96	31,461.95	8,340.39	91,744.30
62	B2-015-00611	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	58.04	6909		269,890.00		1999-2005	47,230.96	28,608.24	7,583.92	83,423.12
63	B2-015-00594	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	55.25	6892		256,910.00		1999-2005	44,959.32	27,232.56	7,219.19	79,411.07
64	B2-015-00590	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	54.54	6888		253,610.00		1999-2005	44,381.96	26,882.75	7,126.47	78,391.18
65	B2-015-00334	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	37.02	6631		143,450.00		1999-2005	23,310.82	13,914.74	3,722.56	40,948.12
66	B2-015-00570	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	54.54	6868		253,610.00		1999-2005	44,381.96	26,882.75	7,126.47	78,391.18
67	B2-015-00634	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	89.50	6932		485,540.00		1999-2005	84,969.64	51,467.24	13,643.69	150,080.57
68	B2-015-00475	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	63.03	6773		296,810.00		1999-2005	51,941.96	31,461.95	8,340.39	91,744.30
69	B2-015-00411	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	54.54	6708		253,610.00		1999-2005	44,381.96	26,882.75	7,126.47	78,391.18
70	B2-015-00395	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	55.25	6692		256,910.00		1999-2005	44,959.32	27,232.56	7,219.19	79,411.07
71	B2-015-00375	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	55.25	6672		256,910.00		1999-2005	44,959.32	27,232.56	7,219.19	79,411.07
72	B2-015-00371	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	54.54	6668		253,610.00		1999-2005	44,381.96	26,882.75	7,126.47	78,391.18
73	B2-015-00512	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	59.00	6810		274,350.00		1999-2005	48,011.32	29,081.22	7,709.25	84,801.79
74	B2-015-00644	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	55.50	6942		258,080.00		1999-2005	45,164.00	27,356.48	7,252.05	79,772.53
75	B2-015-00643	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	55.50	6941		258,080.00		1999-2005	45,164.00	27,356.48	7,252.05	79,772.53
76	B2-015-00562	ECE Realty & Dev't Corp.	Balagtas St.	58.04	6860		269,890.00		1999-2005	47,230.96	28,608.24	7,583.92	83,423.12
77	B3-041-00106	Virginia Uy Sy	1760 C Int Taft Ave.	194.00	-		241,190.00		1992-2005	92,255.40	60,634.94	15,289.03	168,179.37
78	B3-041-00103	Virginia Uy Sy	1760 Int. Taft Ave.,	642.30	24813	1,926,900.00			1995-2005	294,914.86	173,800.64	46,871.55	515,587.05
79	B3-041-00003	Integrated Marine Product & Trading Corp.	1702-1710 Taft Ave.	84.50	-		936,450.00		1991-2005	302,705.28	219,407.45	52,211.27	574,324.00
80	B3-041-00002	J.Y Warehousing Co. Inc.	1702 Taft Ave.	395.20	-		3,887,400.00		1991-2005	1,198,134.00	809,282.60	200,741.66	2,208,158.26
81	B3-042-00234	Eusebio Pacita	1723 Cor. Tramo Eusebio	81.00	-		1,637,280.00		1997-2005	368,388.00	232,493.76	60,088.18	660,969.94
82	B3-043-00108	Garland, Josephine	Tramo St.	26.75	-		385,000.00		1994-2005	104,625.00	67,630.01	17,225.50	189,480.51
83	B3-043-00075	Yamzon, Armando	1702 F. Muñoz St.	30.16	-		255,000.00		1997-2005	57,375.00	36,210.01	9,358.50	102,943.51
84	B3-043-00106	Doña Josefa Estate Homeowners Ass.,	Tramo St.	3,946.99	136455	1,657,660.00			1998-2005	278,256.66	167,191.49	44,544.82	489,992.97
85	B3-043-00080	Yamson, Roselda	Tramo St.	26.00	-		268,160.00		1997-2005	60,336.00	38,078.72	9,841.47	108,256.19
86	B3-043-00043	De Leon Ricardo	1696 F. Muñoz St.	34.20	-		170,090.00		1991-2005	55,895.52	44,762.63	10,065.82	110,723.97
87	B3-044-00005	Ramirez, Gaudencio	1806 Taft Ave. Ext.	136.00	-		168,260.00		1992-2005	54,287.76	35,049.06	8,933.68	98,270.50
88	B3-047-00283	Ybanez, Jose	P.Samonte St.	139.37	132321	1,045,280.00			1991-2005	219,509.64	145,001.63	36,451.13	400,962.40
89	B3-047-00269	Pacheco Rosa Gaw	2025 Sandejas St.	-	-			240,000.00	1995-2005	71,376.00	45,630.72	11,700.67	128,707.39
90	B3-047-00268	Pacheco Cua Suy Pik	2025 Sandejas St.	74.00	-		375,060.00		1991-2005	113,733.00	78,870.66	19,260.37	211,864.03
91	B4-049-00114	Manlongat, Robert	2126-B F. Fernando St.	67.93	-		282,030.00		1998-2005	56,406.08	34,971.60	9,137.77	100,515.45
92	B4-049-00061	Roca, Anselmo et al	2112 F. Fernando St.	170.80	-		355,690.00		1994-2005	99,227.61	64,329.66	16,355.73	179,913.00
93	B4-049-00059	Roca, Remedios Gorotissa	2112 F. Fernando St.	1,020.51	5988	857,230.00			1995-2005	78,669.66	107,177.44	18,584.71	204,431.81
94	B4-050-00037	Barcelona, Leonardo	2134 P. Burgos St.	40.00	-		17,500.00		1995-2005	3,937.68	2,485.01	642.27	7,064.96
95	B4-050-00034	Trinidad Corazon	2132 Breton St.	53.91	-		18,200.00		1995-2005	4,095.00	2,584.41	667.94	7,347.35
96	B4-066-00055	De Leon, Maximo	Cementina St.	1,004.00	135329	4,294,290.00			2001-2005	502,633.06	260,433.28	76,306.63	839,372.97
97	B4-066-00058	De Leon, Maximo	Cementina St.	314.55	-		2,061,490.00		2002-2005	247,378.88	128,636.95	37,601.58	413,617.41
98	B5-100-00214	Antonio, Pablo	2650 Zamora St.	726.00	3450	1,016,400.00			1993-2005	202,300.08	125,328.00	32,762.81	360,390.89
99	B5-100-00215	Antonio, Pablo	2650 Zamora St.	391.84	-		146,940.00		1991-2005	51,646.80	41,508.59	9,315.54	102,470.93
100	B5-107-00063	Protacio, Mauro	Zamora St.	69.57	132175	243,500.00			1996-2005	55,396.58	34,041.41	8,943.80	98,381.79
101	B5-107-00048	Lim, Delfina	2422 Zamora St.	96.00	-		254,280.00		1994-2005	87,726.60	57,060.39	14,478.70	159,266.89
102	B7-107-00051	Protacio Anastacio & Habrador, Gabrila	Zamora St.	135.54	17962	189,760.00			1994-2005	37,883.86	23,535.10	6,141.90	67,560.86
103	B5-109-00034	Yangat, Rodolfo	2678 Tengco St.	20.40	-		238,680.00		1999-2005	40,277.25	24,226.03	6,450.33	70,953.61
104	B5-109-00207	Pepe, Jocelyn	2678 Tengco St.	61.80	-		182,430.00		1999-2005	96,482.28	65,818.60	16,230.09	178,530.97
105	B5-128-00003	Carabuena, Epimaco Jr,	Cor.Dolores-M. Dela Cruz St.	198.78	-		208,640.00		1994-2005	66,243.20	42,687.73	10,893.09	119,824.02
106	B5-135-00098	Cornejos, Emiliana	9-A Int. P. Basilio St.	148.00	-		288,600.00		2000-2005	43,290.00	25,396.90	6,868.69	75,555.59
107	B5-146-00041	Sunlife Hardware	320 Int. Edsa	283.00	-		226,400.00		1991-2005	91,330.56	68,652.32	15,998.29	175,981.17
108	B5-148-00029	Artillaga, Remegio	Cor. Aurora Blvd. -Legaspi St.	164.10	-		915,680.00		1994-2005	274,704.00	168,027.28	44,273.13	487,004.41
109	B5-148-00030	Artillaga, Remegio	Cor. Aurora Blvd. -Legaspi St.	145.50	-		628,560.00		1995-2005	201,139.20	120,306.52	32,144.57	353,590.29
110	B6-162-00014	Camayudo Florentina	Cor. A. Cruz & E. Rolriquez St.	80.84	-		697,720.00		2003-2005	47,968.25	19,012.87	6,698.11	73,679.23
111	B6-163-00121	Mesina, Juan	Int. Vitales St.	81.00	-		99,780.00		1992-2005	34,923.28	23,148.96	5,807.22	63,879.46
112	B6-165-00029	Josefina De Leon	E. Rodriquez St.	3,178.00	18309	1,334,760.00			1991-2005	292,343.28	199,014.88	49,135.82	540,493.98
113	B6-166-00015	Galang, Virgilio & Leoncia Tolentino	23 C. Jose St.	128.96	-		522,240.00		2000-2005	82,977.12	48,679.84	13,165.70	144,822.66
114	B6-168-00047	Caldoza, Urbano	828 C. De Guzman St.	308.14	-		135,110.00		1991-2005	50,666.40	43,505.69	9,417.21	103,589.30
115	B7-179-00002	Gamboa, Vernon Albert	823 St. Peter St. Maricaban	991.25	-		75,900.00		1991-2005	15,949.32	11,102.01	2,705.13	29,756.46
116	B7-179-00001	Gamboa, Vernon Albert	823 St. Peter St. Maricaban	1,325.88	136466	928,120.00			1991-2005	169,217.10	111,494.53	28,071.16	308,782.79
117	B7-179-00366	Lapurga, Lucila	Lot 12 Blk. 14 St. Bernadette St.	116.70	-		538,740.00		1996-2005	134,685.20	86,198.40	22,088.36	242,971.96
118	B7-179-00290	Arias, Aida	Lot 5 Blk. 18 St. Theresa St.	24.48	-		265,220.00		2000-2005	39,783.12	23,339.37	6,312.25	69,434.74
119	B7-184-00431	Clariza Benjamin	Lot 24 Blk. 17 19 R. Higgens St.	117.70	-		100,000.00		1991-2005	37,476.84	32,160.92	6,963.78	76,601.54
120	B7-196-00042	Lanting, Nimfa	Jupiter St. Aeroville	107.25	-		173,750.00		1991-2005	57,458.96	38,608.30	9,606.73	105,673.99
121	B1-083-00120	RM Management & Realty Inc.	257 Edsa Ext.		-			5,000,000.00	1999-2005	975,000.00	582,000.00	155,700.00	1,712,700.00
122	B1-083-00119	RM Management & Realty Inc.	11 Edsa Ext.	1,500.18	-		33,956,450.00		2000-2005	5,348,140.98	3,035,706.64	838,384.76	9,222,232.38
123	B1-083-00118	Sps. Ester & Ky Damian Dela Cruz	11 Edsa Ext.	997.00	94582	11,216,250.00			2000-2005	1,570,275.07	861,408.01	243,168.31	2,674,851.39
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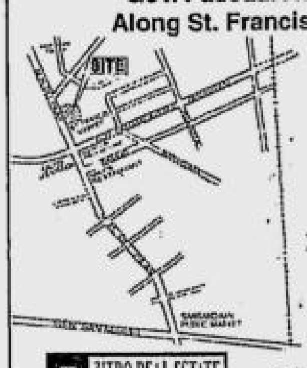

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His wife †**Julia**; children **Eduardo**, **Oscar**, **Alberto**, **Cynthia** and **Eden**; in-laws, grandchildren, brothers and sisters and relatives request the reader to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains will lie in state at the Arlington Memorial Chapels, Araneta Avenue, Quezon City. Interment will be announced later.

REMEDIOS CORPUS MOYA

(widow of the late **Judge Jose L. Moya**)

Former Dean, CMFA, Philippine Women's University; Former Professor, La Concordia College and Colegio de Santa Isabel-Naga City; Former Administrative Officer, Cardinal Santos Memorial Hospital,

who first saw light of day on 6 August 1919 joined the "innumerable caravan" on 12 March 2005.

With her remains in state at Nacional Memorial Homes, Araneta Ave., Quezon City, cremation will be effected at 2:00 p.m., on Wednesday, 16 March 2005.

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Interment will be announced later.

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"Apu Siang"

of San Fernando, Pampanga

Peacefully joined her Creator on March 12, 2005 at the age of 98.

Survived by sons **Abelardo Jr.** and **Elias** and their spouses, grandchildren, great grandchildren.

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Any person adversely affected by said petition may file his written opposition within this office not later than March 22, 2005.

(Sgd) NORMA S. DIPUTADO
City Civil Registrar

(PDI - March 14 & 21, 2005)

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PROVINCE OF BUKIDNON
8700 Malaybalay City
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

ITB No. 200-05-01

The Provincial Government of Bukidnon with Office address at Capitol Compound, City of Malaybalay, Bukidnon is inviting bids from responsible suppliers for Secondary School Armchairs with an Approved Budget for the Contract amounting to P2,475,000.00

SCHEDULE OF ACTIVITIES:

Particulars	Date	Venue
Deadline of submission of eligibility requirements	March 23, 2005	BAC Secretariat, Provincial Capitol, Malaybalay City
Checking of Eligibility Requirements by the Technical Working Group	March 29, 2005 (10:00 AM)	BAC Conference Room, Provincial Capitol
Pre-Bid Conference	April 5, 2005 9:30 AM	BAC Conference Room, Provincial Capitol
Issuance of Bidding Documents to Eligible Bidders upon payment of a non-refundable fee of P500.00	April 6-8, 2005	Provincial General Services Office, Provincial Capitol, Malaybalay City
Opening of Bids in Sealed Envelope	April 12, 2005 (10:00 AM)	BAC Conference Room, Provincial Capitol, Malaybalay City

All particulars relative to the eligibility process, bidding and evaluation of bids and awards of contract shall be governed by the Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR) of RA 9184 otherwise known as the Government Procurement Act.

For inquiry, please call telephone numbers 088-221-2537 and 088-813-2522.

The Provincial Government of Bukidnon-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reason, waive any required formality and award the contract to any bidder whose proposal as evaluated by the BAC & TWG is most advantageous to the government.

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Schedule	Date/Time & Place of Bidding	Item Description	PR No./Inquiry No.	ABC
I	April 12, 2005 10:00 AM Kañao Room	Mechanical Parts for Ticao DPP "MAN"	PB050412-MMER2677	1,397,400.00
II		Governor, Woodward PSG and Grosschopp Speed Motor for Bantayan DPP	PB050412-MMJP2678	1,070,000.00
III	April 12, 2005 2:00 PM Kañao Room	Hauling of Diesel Fuel Oil from Shell Tabangao Depot Batangas to Pulang Lupa DPP, San Jose Occidental Mindoro	PB050302-MMKR2548 (PB2)	4,800,000.00
IV		Laboratory Equipment for Oriental Mindoro Substation & 69 KV	PB050412-MMVB2679	2,375,000.00
V	April 13, 2005 10:00 AM Pahiyas Room	Mechanical S/P of Main Genset, for PB 120 "Daihatsu"	PB050413-MMAM2680	5,126,138.00
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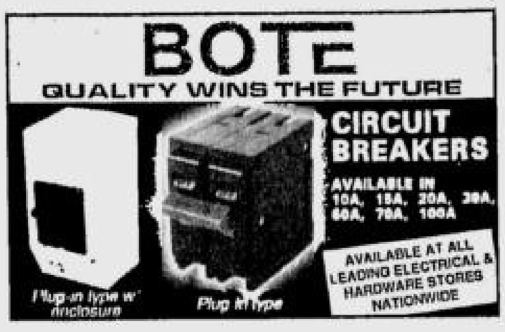

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Doing business for clean air

By Frank Cimatu
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—Blue skies and clean air are not only good news for government officials and motorists who are getting sicker by the minute, but also mean good business for a 34-year-old family-owned company and millions of coconut farmers.

Chemrez Inc. is aggressively marketing BioActiv, a diesel additive that will not only clear the air but also infuse at least P3.3 billion into the coconut industry.

Dean Lao Jr., operations manager of Chemrez Inc., said their company has been manufacturing and exporting methyl ester and coco-based amides for the past 22 years.

"But biodiesel gained public attention lately as interest grew in renewable fuel sources amid rising fuel costs," Lao said.

Last month, the United States Agency for International Development and the United States Department of Energy, in partnership with the Department of Energy, launched the Philippines Clean Cities program and chose Baguio City as its pilot area. Set to follow are Cebu and Davao cities and two cities in Metro Manila.

Victor Aquitania, Baguio planning officer, said they chose cocomethyl ester (CME) as their choice for alternative fuel.

Aquitania said 63 percent of the air pollution in the city is caused by motor vehicles.

Thanks to the DOE's Memorandum Circular 55, which mandates government's diesel vehicles to incorporate one percent cocodiesel into their fuel, Baguio's dump trucks already use BioActiv.

But the local government needs to pass a resolution calling on all jeepneys and taxicabs using diesel to add BioActiv in their fuel before the city can have cleaner air.

Divina Chingcuanco, country director of the Sustainable Energy Development Program, cited a 2001 World Bank study in the cities of Cebu, Baguio, Davao and Metro Manila that showed that health costs due to exposure to particulate matter had amounted to $430 million.

Another WB study showed that 2,000 Filipinos die prematurely because of air pollution. A 2002 study of the University of the Philippines College of Health said the prevalence of chronic obstructive pulmonary diseases (COPD) is highest among jeepney drivers, affecting almost a third of them.

Aldrin Magpantay, Chemrez marketing manager, said even a one percent BioActiv blend can reduce smoke emission by 300 percent.

Such blend reduced emission from 4K value (K is the opacity reading measurement for blackness of smoke) for zero CME blend to 1.5K for one percent CME blend and 1K for 2 percent CME blend in diesel.

Magpantay said engine performance is improved by the "oxygenation" of the fuel and improving the solvency for rapid cleaning.

No or minimal (for old engines) adjustment is needed for the engines, he said.

A lot will depend on the Baguio experiment and Chemrez is more than happy to oblige.

Chemrez is part of the bigger D&L Industries Inc., which has been operating since 1971, Lao said. In 1991, Chemrez was incorporated.

Chemrez is involved in the manufacture of polysterene resins (for making plastic cups, food packaging and casing, among others), unsaturated polyester resins (fiberglass, artificial wood and furniture), water-based polymer dispersions (paints and adhesives), pigment dispersions and colorants (for paints) and oleochemicals (soaps, detergent, biofuels).

Lao said each product has its own marketing, production and research and development departments. He said part of their success stemmed from their strong research and development.

He said they normally find themselves competing against multinational chemical companies.

"Commercial success comes with satisfying customer requirements by means of competitive prices through economies of scale, better resource management or the ability to develop specialty products to suit specific needs," he said.

Take BioActiv, for example.

CME or coco-biodiesel is not the same as the biodiesel used in the 1970s that used crude coconut oil.

Chemrez says CME resulted in more efficient combustion that translates to increased engine power, longer mileage and less emission.

The DOE, Bureau of Product Standards and the Philippine Coconut Authority have established a standard for biodiesel.

"Chemrez is the first to be accredited and is now recognized as the main producer of CME. All test data gathered from Korea, United States, New Zealand, Thailand and Taiwan are from BioActiv as produced by Chemrez," Lao said.

The company obtained a certificate of additive registration from DOE to be able to sell to the public.

Create a database on corruption cases

By Dennis M. Arroyo
Contributor

THE MASS media are helpful in raising public awareness of corruption cases. In fact, because of media coverage, there is generally less corruption in countries with free access to information.

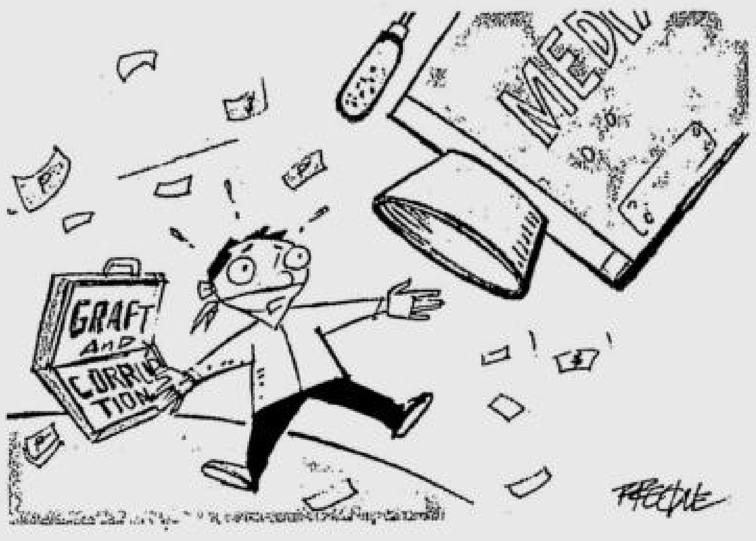
As put by the director of the Organization of American States, "the media are civil society's great ally, especially in fulfilling the need to inform, in a serious and responsible way, so the citizens can exert pressure to clean up cases of corruption."

The Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism does an excellent job of digging deep into corruption cases. Its stories probe the intricacies of the pork barrel, graft in procurement, and the various channels for bribes. Other groups can carry this form of advocacy a step further.

Reviving the forgotten

Notice that stories on corruption fade from the public's consciousness after a few weeks. There should be a means to keep tabs on each of them, and to resurrect them when people tend to forget. There is also a need to discern the big patterns emerging in the phenomenon of graft.

An effective follow-up mechanism is to create a database on corruption news items and cases, such as that run by Transparency International-Bangladesh (TIB). TIB values its partnership with the vibrant and courageous print media of Bangladesh. The audience of the database is very broad: both the public and private sectors.



The TIB corruption database aims:

1. To measure the magnitude, form and depth of corruption; and
2. To inform the government and public of the consequence of corruption.

Compiling, classifying, tracking

Bangladesh is a fitting home ground for that database because the nation is deeply immersed in corruption. This fact is lamented by the prime minister. In her speech to the 18th session of Parliament, she voiced her despair at its sheer magnitude. Bribery is widespread. She said that even the institutions created to fight corruption have turned corrupt.

The national dailies do publish a lot of reports on corruption cases. However, it is not possible for the average reader to remember all these news items. The stories drift out of public attention due to the overload of information.

Hence, Transparency International-Bangladesh compiles the news stories, classifies them, and tracks their development. This collection is called the corruption database. The information can then be subjected to rigorous analysis.

The engagement is continuous, not just a one-shot deal. But the intervention is limited to professionals: the reporters of the dailies who write the articles, and the TIB staff members who compile and analyze them.

A careful process

How does the process run? TIB has agreed on working definitions for corrupt acts. It then gathers the reports published in 16 national and five local dailies. The selected reports are grouped into different sectors. A template questionnaire is used to collect the information from each news report.

TIB believes it must verify and authenticate the information. It chooses a few cases through random sampling. It then sends teams to investigate the cases. The teams interview (1) the reporters, (2) the concerned offices, and (3) third parties with knowledge of the case. Through this process of corroboration, TIB has found most news reports to be valid.

The integrative reports in turn are fed back to the media.

Analysis by the numbers

The database can be used for some quantitative analysis. For example, in 2000, an overwhelming 94 percent of the reports focused on government agencies, while only 6 percent dealt with the private sector. Out of 1,948 reports:

- 860 posted figures on government losses due to corruption;
- 460 gave figures on losses in general;
- 404 had no data on financial losses.

TIB analyzed an average of 11 reports per day. Research on news items in 2000 classified corruption stories into 38 sectors. The law-implementing agencies were found to be the most corrupt, accounting for 320 reports out of the total 1,948. The other top sectors in corruption were education, local government, health, forestry and environment, post and telecommunications, land administration, and finance.

TIB's analysis showed that monopoly power figured prominently in the corruption cases. There was "large-scale" monopoly power in 662 out of 1,948 reports, and smaller scale monopoly in 371 cases. TIB noted discretionary power in 1,401 cases and the lack of accountability in 1,745.

The global secretariat of Transparency International has adopted the News Scan Database as a tool for fighting corruption. For more information on the database, see the Transparency International-Bangladesh Corruption Database Report, July to December 2000. Or visit www.tibangladesh.org.

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Where lies our rural employment potential?

MAPPING THE FUTURE

Antonio T. Hernandez

THE PHILIPPINE economy, ever aspiring to attain the blessings of industrialization and employment, is still generally agricultural. Of its total land area of 30 million hectares, about 40 percent or 12 million hectares thereabout, are devoted to agriculture. It's vast countryside is home to three-fifths of its total population of 80 million. And over half of this rural population is poor.

Past economic programs for livelihood development and rural productivity have not managed to make substantial inroads into the incidence of poverty. The number of families living below the poverty line has gone up instead of down in the past years. Unemployment rate as of April 2004 registered at 13.7 percent as against 11.4 percent a year ago. And this is aggravated by the country's high population growth—currently at 2.36 percent—one of the highest in Asia.

Development initiatives

Indeed, poverty and unemployment has remained a serious national problem; a disturbing trigger to unrest and instability. It is thus essential, for our stability and harmony, that our disadvantaged majority be lifted out from where they are; be freed from the clutches of despondency; and perhaps inducted into entrepreneurship if not into gainful employment.

But how is this going to be drawn out, implemented and orchestrated? The urgency to rethink our rural development strategy comes into view: the usual small farmer approach or an agro-industrial thrust?

A major first step taken in the past was the revolutionary land resource distribution under agrarian reform. It was thought to unleash the productive potential of the villages. However, land distribution alone was not enough. It has to be made productive with much better skills, much better technology and easier market access.

The loss of management expertise and the needed financing (which vanished along with the landowners) right after the transfer of the land to the tenants, was a serious setback. And the next step was therefore, the provision of technical and financing support to keep production going.

Inward-looking assistance

Numerous credit programs sprouted and even nongovernment organizations proliferated, all anxious to provide technical assistance—values formation, leadership training, skills development, savings mobilization, etc.—inward-looking assistance with heavy donor funding.

Such technical and credit support surely strengthens the production side of projects financed. But it is only half of the picture. As operations build up, the management of growth becomes the challenge. And stiffer competition for markets sets in. Until addressed, projects take a downturn. Revenues and jobs are lost. It is not in fact unusual that, just when projects have grown, they soon develop complications—indicative of inability to manage growth vis-à-vis market forces.

Market connectivity

While the production side may succeed, the lack of market connectivity—assured access to the right processors and/or end-users—can be fatal. It can break the cash conversion cycle of the business, stunt expansion, stall off job creation, and deprive the rural producer of his ability to recover capital on time and pay his creditors on due date.

Conversely, it is rural connectivity and competitiveness which will open up the opportunities for rural growth and employment.

Agro-industrial interdependency

Such connectivity issue highlights the interdependency of agricultural production, of markets and of industrial value-addition. Obviously, agricultural production is not a stand alone operation. As a business, it must be primed by a strong market demand—sustained by a necessarily growing "industrializing disposition" to warrant increasing production levels—expected to optimize factory assets utilization and achieve higher income levels. In short, a thrust toward rural industrialization that will compliment the talked-about agricultural modernization by way of absorbing increased rural produce, improving product marketability and shelf-life thru processing, and consequently providing more employment for surplus rural manpower.

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Culinary school molds not just cookies, work ethic, too

By Anna Cecilia C. Alejo
Contributor

IN THE week we celebrate women's rights, we focus on a handful of single, young females who are helping build society from their little corner of the world.

Currently enrolled at the Maligaya Institute for Culinary Arts and Residential Services (Micars) are 32 trainees who graduated from public high schools in Metro Manila and from far-flung rural areas. Through dint of hard work and constant self-evaluation found in intensive training, they aim to elevate home skills to world-class standards by adopting the essential work ethic.

With support from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Italy through the Associazione Centro Elis and other local individual donors, the school's flagship program began in 1995. The two-year diploma course follows the dual-training system where students learn from alternate theoretical instruction and hands-on-training in the school's training center and in the adjacent university residence hall all throughout the two years and in several restaurants during the program's final semester.

Also known as Maligaya, the technical vocational school prepares young women who could not afford a university education for job-ready positions in the food service industry after graduation. These entry-level posts are in the pastry, hot kitchens and formal dining rooms of the country's prestigious hotels and restaurants.

Joanne Dequiña, 23, is one of its successful graduates. She is now employed as a housekeeping staff in the apostolic nunciature along Taft Avenue, a stone's throw away from her alma mater.

As the nunciature's resident baker, Dequiña starts her work in the kitchen at 7 in the morning until 3 o'clock. She proudly says, "the biggest help that I got from Maligaya was in acquiring skills in baking and cake decoration. Next was in putting order in schedule in order to manage the various activities at the nunciature."

Values folded in pastries

"More than anything, we teach them how to cook and fulfill each tasks with love," says Ma. Theresa Nabatar, Micars director. Such virtues as cleanliness, teamwork and optimism are folded into the pastries along with other ingredients. True to its name, Maligaya provided the perfect motto and spirit that animated the school's brand of education: Joy in service.

The Foundation for Professional Training Inc. (FPTI), which handles the fundraising operations of Maligaya, seeks to raise the educational level of women by developing their livelihood skills, work attitudes and values that contribute to their economic, social and human upliftment.

Inspired by the teachings of St. Josemaria Escriva, founder of Opus Dei, about work and study, FPTI pursues projects for advancement of women.

Nabatar quoted Escriva who once told a journalist during an interview in 1968, "Women are called to bring to the family, to society and to the Church, characteristics which are their own and which they alone can give: their gentle warmth and untiring generosity, their love for detail, their quick-wittedness and intuition, their simple and deep piety, their constancy... A woman's femininity is genuine only if she is aware of the beauty of this contribution for which there is no substitute—and if she incorporates it into her own life."

Dequiña, who comes from a family of seven in Silay City, Negros Occidental where her father owns a small car repair shop, recounts how St.

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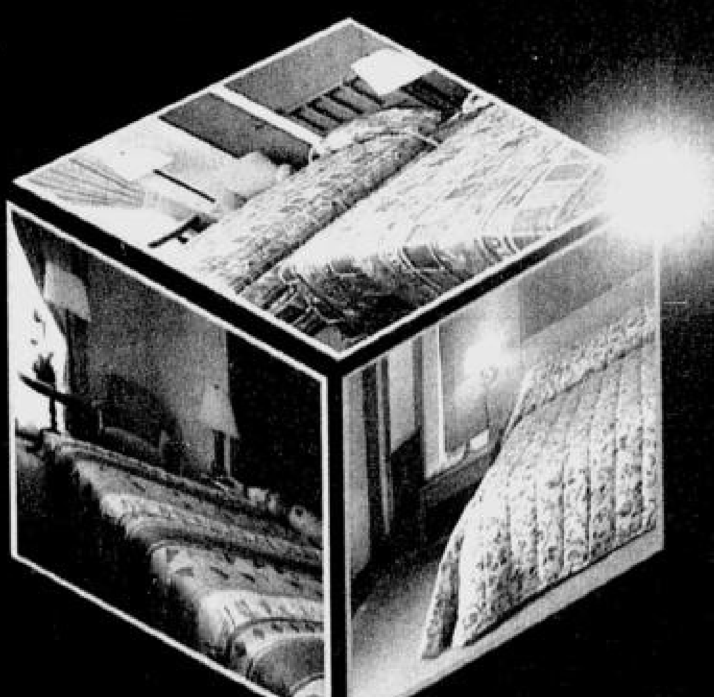

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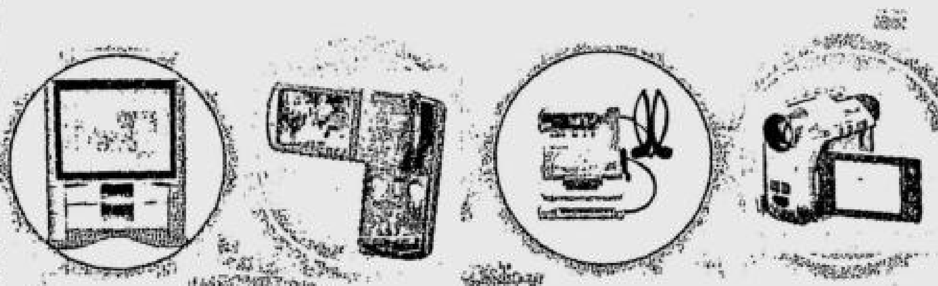

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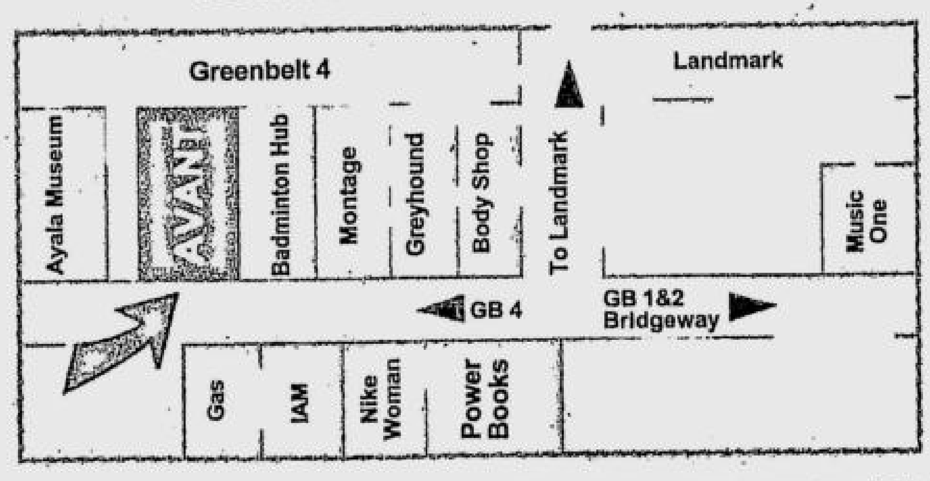

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Culinary school molds not just cookies, work ethic, too

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Josemaria's philosophy influenced her outlook about her job. She said, "I have come to know my worth as a person: that being (that is in the sense of being alive) is worth more than having. This knowledge led me to think that that I can sanctify myself and others through the tasks I set out to accomplish each day. I learned from him that work is more than a means to earn financial rewards but a work well done becomes a channel to earn spiritual graces for other souls."

Gift Ogoc, 25, another graduate of Micars and hails from Zamboanga, is employed as the technical assistant for the school's livelihood program. Aside from supervising 12 students in the program to meet the daily quota of cookies, cakes and sweets to be delivered to Manila's leading bakeshops, she is also given a free hand in developing new products that could add variety and increase their sales.

"I am constantly improving the formula for our rhum cakes," says Ogoc. "The feedback that our patrons give after each sale is evaluated. We always go back to the process and come up with possible solutions to improve on the last products."

It seems Micars' culture encourages creativity as a springboard to deeper learning. Mistakes are seen as opportunities more than as failures and should not be a reason for discouragement. Ogoc elaborates, "Before I was afraid to venture into new projects thinking that I would fail. Here at Micars we were taught to try new things while ensuring that nothing go to waste. In the process, there's that healthy atmosphere of learning from one's mistakes and remaining cheerful despite them."

At a time when offering a short cooking course can run up to P50,000 per student, how does Micars sustain its operations given that 32 scholars are kept under its wings for two years?

A constant course of financial support is the Maligaya Patrons Association which is a group of female benefactors who wholeheartedly believes in the school's mission. They are mostly mothers from middle-income households who pour in their time on top of their busy schedules at work and family to promote Micars to corporations, organizations, friends and among their relations in order to raise the much needed resources. Last Feb. 26, they staged a concert as a thanksgiving prelude to the school's 10th anniversary.

Maricel Mapula, 22, who came on board as Micars' administrative assistant after graduation, concretely came to understand better the vision of the school now that she's part of the staff. "The demands are different now than when I was their student. I do my best knowing my share is an indispensable part of a team effort. The quality of my work will affect the work of others just like in a supply chain."

Mapula is used to a tough life. As the eldest of five children, she practically raised her young siblings from Camarines Sur, Bicol since her father as the family's breadwinner figured in a mishap while working in a printing press in Manila. The accident left him unable to work in plants and forced him to go back to farming. She knew she had to find other means if they were to survive on a paltry P200 and two sacks of rice for six months.

A common thread that weaves into the goals of these self-made women is the strong desire to plow back to their family the good fortune that they have received from the unmerited scholarship.

Mapula sums up her experience as the cornerstone for a life-long learning, "Over time, I came to understand that those difficult training proved to be instrumental in molding me to become a better person. It wasn't important that we were poor. What mattered most was the insights I gained that made me mature, stronger and ready to face tougher demands of work."

Dequiña, on the other hand, dreams of owning her own bakeshop or perhaps travel to Italy someday where she could try the original pasta and perhaps find hosts who can sell her specialty, the fudgy carrot cake. She knows it won't be far-fetched because she takes to heart the advice of her favorite saint who wrote the bestseller book, The Way, "Don't let your life be sterile. Be useful. Blaze a trail. Shine forth with the light of your faith and of your love."

With such a mentor providing the right outlook and the formula for work well done, these female Filipinos carve the niche for society's new breed of brave feminists in the workforce.

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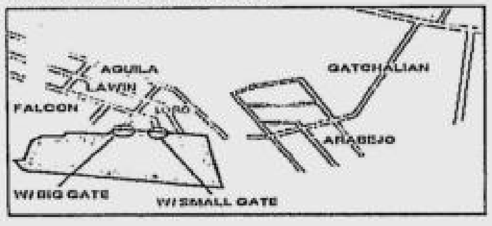

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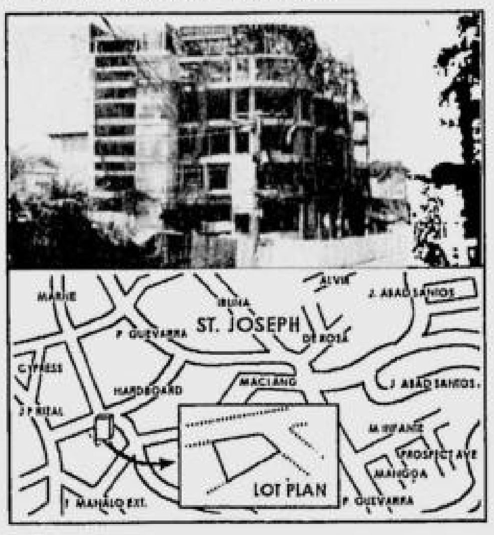

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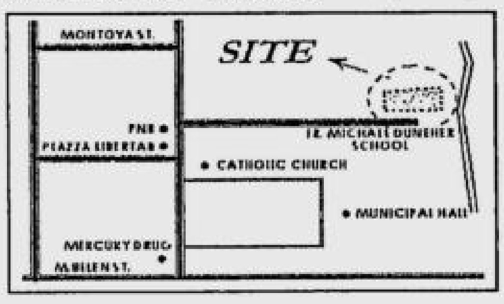

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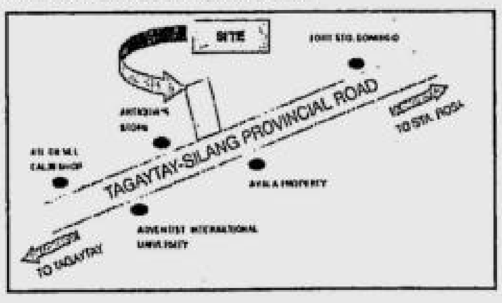
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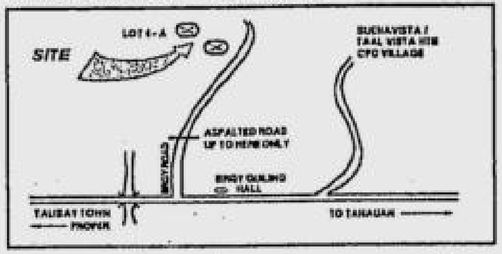
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THE TV station was on the verge of a public offering this year but a stockholders' disagreement delayed the plan.

When GMA 7 became a challenger brand

By Hermawan Kartajaya
Contributor

IT WAS the last week of January when I came to visit the Philippines for a few days. My main objective was not just to have a short holiday and enjoy its pleasant atmosphere, but also to share some of my knowledge with the Filipinos. So, I spent my first two days teaching.

On my first day, I was invited to speak at the Asian Institute of Management, one of the most prestigious business schools in Asia. On my second day, I taught at the MarkPlus Executive MasterClass, the first of the four series that will be held in Manila. The MasterClass will be held again in April, July and October of this year with different topics each time.

In this MasterClass I used the topic "Challenging the Big Brands." I adapted it from Adam Morgan's book entitled, "Eating the Big Fish: How Challenger Brands Can Compete Against Brand Leaders." It describes how small companies can best take on the big ones that are already established.

In the MarkPlus Executive MasterClass that day, I was very fortunate to have the president and chief operating officer of GMA 7 Marketing and Productions Inc., Manuel "Meckoy" Quiogue, who had given his time to share the story of GMA 7's success.

This TV station, now the pride of Filipinos, was in the past only ranked number two. That was before it finally had the courage to challenge the brand leader. Even though Meckoy did not say it openly, I know that GMA 7 was indeed a true example of "Challenging the Big Brands" in the Philippines.

In my opinion, GMA 7 began challenging the big brand in December 2000. That was when there was a change in its leadership. Three families, Gozon, Duavit and Jimenez who controlled GMA 7, chose lawyer Felipe Gozon to serve as its new president and chief executive officer.

Before this change, GMA 7 had felt satisfied with being the No. 2 TV station in the Philippines. It had felt satisfied even though the gap between the number one and number two was then very large.

In fact, beforehand, GMA 7 had only imitated the brand leader by getting into the adult category, showing only dramas and soap operas. It had only gotten into the old categories that were already strongly controlled by the number one player at that time.

Gozon never felt satisfied with this after he became president. So he then decided to begin a fight to become number one.

Under Gozon, GMA 7 came armed with a new strategy. GMA 7 realized that if it only used conventional programming, it could not survive fighting the No. 1 TV station which was so large and well established. It knew that it had less of everything, both in terms of audience as well as advertising shares. So, it must try harder! It must over-commit! Hence, beginning in 2002, it began to break with its past and "go crazy."

GMA 7 created new categories by entering the children's and teenagers' segments. It began to hire writers, directors and glamorous stars from the film industry. It also began to vigorously create innovative new concept programs.

By creating these innovative programs, GMA 7 became the lighthouse, by being the trendsetter in its industry that is always followed by its competitor. At the same time, it became the thought leader that is talked about everywhere.

Among the programs that I think is innovative was a talent search that created a sensation, "StarStruck." The program itself showed how sharp GMA 7 was at seeing just how many Philippine young adults dreamed of stardom.

"Extra Challenge" also became successful with its new concept as a reality show based on worldwide trend of reality shows, which features local actors and actresses being given challenges in real-life situations.

Overseas, those similar programs had long been popular. But in the Philippines, they could be said to be very innovative ones when they were first developed by GMA 7.

That's not all. If you think that a TV station is just one-way entertainment, GMA 7 has successfully proven you wrong. GMA 7 forces you to reevaluate how you regard a TV station.

You are, of course, familiar with the term "Kapuso." In case you're not, "Kapuso" means a soul mate who understands and inspires enthusiasm and a dynamic response from viewers. GMA 7 created its mainstays by beginning to use the expression "Kapuso" much more widely. GMA 7 has then called its mainstays with the expression "Kapuso."

With Kapuso, GMA 7 tried to show that a TV station could provide two-way emotional relationship. Do you remember what Rufa Mae Quinto said at the First Golden Screen for Entertainment TV Awards when she won the award for outstanding lead actress in a comedy series? She said, "I'm proud to be a Kapuso!"

That is an example of creating publicity through its emotional "Kapuso." Expensive advertisements are not required. All that is needed is emotional relationships with its mainstays.

Now, GMA 7 has become No. 1. I'm sure that you are bound to ask, does that mean it no longer needs to be a challenger brand?

In my opinion, if it wants to continue its success, it must always be a challenger brand. Now, the next job is to challenge itself. GMA 7 must never stop innovating. It must do this so it never loses its momentum as a challenger brand. Remember, staying number one means thinking like number two.

If GMA 7 has become a big fish, it must continue to think like a small one. That will make it swim more energetically. If GMA 7 has become a number one brand, it must continue to think like a number two. GMA 7 must always think as if it is a challenger brand.

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Hot tip for the urban entrepreneur

TO MOST entrepreneurs and hobbyists who capitalize on the big business opportunities that the holiday season brings, the first quarter of the year is usually a period of slow business and decreased profitability. But it doesn't have to be that way.

Permanent tiangge-type establishments and even out of season thematic bazaars provide good avenues for much needed sales boost after the splurging season. We should remember that the first quarter of the year signals the start of vacation planning for a lot of families, friends and offices.

And this would mean the rise in demand for actual water and pseudo swim apparels (read as the really expensive beach wear that you wouldn't even want to get wet). Not to mention the "pasalubong" items that the Manila-based people bring home to their lolos, lolas, titos and cousins in the provinces.

Aside from the summer break, there of course is St. Valentine's Day, probably the next if not the most expensive of all holidays. Then there also is Chinese New Year. The Stay Young Forever Day. The National Hugging Day. The Dress Your Pet Day. The long and short of it is, we need only to go long on our ingenuity and creativity, and we shall never run short of business opportunities.

One such avenue of opportunity is the Bazaar@Ortigas Town Center: A two-story, fully air-conditioned shopping complex right in the middle of burgeoning Ortigas in Pasig City. The Ortigas Town Center is located along Julia Vargas Avenue, across the gate of Valle Verde 3.

With over 600 stalls ready for occupancy, and a host of big-name restaurants and establishments such as Pier One Bar & Grill, Ortigas Home, Computer and Auto Depots, Sea Side Restaurants and First Quadrant, it is shaping up to be the biggest shopping hub and next happening place.

For questions, call the organizers at 631-6487 or 631-6686.

3 SUCCESSFUL CHOWKING SALES CONFABS

Underline, the BTL Marketing communications powerhouse of JimenezBasic Advertising, recently managed three Chowking sales conventions for franchisees and store managers in Manila and Bohol. Titled 'Chowking Live Programmed for Customer Delight', the successful conventions were attended by over 1,900 guests from all over the Philippines.

ED takes its toll on mental well-being

ERECTILE dysfunction (ED) affects not only sexual health but also has an impact on mental well-being.

Dr. Jose Albert Reyes, president of the Philippine Society for the Study of the Aging Male (Phissam), said the majority of men with ED say the condition makes them anxious and depressed, and diminishes their self-confidence. A quarter of them say their condition makes them feel unattractive.

According to Reyes, who spoke at the recent convention of the Philippine Academy of Family Physicians, about 80 percent of men with ED experience some form of relationship problems because of their condition. "The emotional and mental stress caused by erection problems can mean that men avoid intimate situations with a partner," said Reyes.

Despite available treatment for ED, only less than a third of men with erection problems ask for medical help. "On average it can take a man with ED 28 months before he even starts to do anything about the problem," Reyes said. Most of them defer medical consultation because either they are embarrassed to discuss about the problem or they think that ED is a normal part of aging.

Advances in technology and research have paved the way for the development of successful treatment for ED such as sildenafil citrate. Sildenafil citrate is the first oral treatment for erectile dysfunction that has been found to be effective and well-tolerated in over 100 completed and ongoing clinical studies. To better address ED and other health concerns among more people, a program will soon be launched to encourage more men to consult with their physicians and maintain good health.

This health information is made possible by Pfizer, a global, research-based healthcare company that discovers, develops, manufactures and markets effective and innovative medicines for humans and animals, and many of the best-known consumer products. In 2004, Pfizer, the world's largest private biomedical research organization, invested more than $7.5 billion to find cures to help preserve, protect and promote the quality of life of people all over the world.

WHIRLPOOL DEMONSTRATES POWER OF MICROWAVE OVENS

Whirlpool, the brand of choice for innovative and economically efficient home appliances, has made a new wave in cooking with the introduction of its Quartz Grill microwave oven with baking and convection functions. Its efficiency was demonstrated during a four-month series of cooking demonstrations spanning the different branches of Automatic Center, Anson Emporium, SM Megamall, Abenson, and Waltermart appliance stores. Interested customers were able to appreciate the advanced features of the Whirlpool Quartz Grill, such as a unique heat conductor with an ultra short heating time and high-energy efficiency for maximum temperature at less cost. It also has a double elliptic reflector in the interior to provide 10-percent better cooking efficiency and 15 percent less heat on the door for better handling. Plus, it has a Dual Emission System that doubles microwave discharge, providing perfect evenness of heat in food, fastest defrosting, reheating and cooking time, and less power consumption, unlike with other microwave ovens. During the cooking demonstrations, the Whirlpool Quartz Grill microwave oven showcased its ability to handle practically any cooking requirement, from pizza, choco chip cookies, sausages, chopsuey, chocolate cake, rice, and marinated chicken.

Be in Linden this Easter

NOW THAT Holy Week is fast approaching, people are starting to wrack their brains for the most fun-filled and convenient Easter Get-Away. While images of white sand beaches, sparkling blue waters, and beach parties from dusk till dawn lure weary office workers, the thought of making tedious travel arrangements and the wearisome trip back home is enough to discourage the keenest vacationer.

Right in the heart of the Ortigas business district is The Linden Suites, a hotel that prides itself in providing guests with all the comforts of home complemented by the highest standards of international service, truly a home away from home.

The Linden Suites has drawn up an eventful Easter Weekend designed to rejuvenate tired bodies and weary minds.

From 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. from March 24 to 27, guests can savor piped-in music while taking a dip in the hotel's indoor heated swimming pool as floaters and refreshments are made available for the kids.

A film showing for kids and adults will also be held from 7 to 9 p.m. from March 24 to 27 at the 4th floor function room.

To cap the Holy Week, there will be an Easter Party on March 27, also at the 4th floor function room. Fun activities like an Easter Egg Hunt, Magic Show, and more games await all hotel guests.

Gift Packs, meanwhile, will be given to guests who check in early. All guests are also entitled to the free use of Health Club facilities and a 20-percent discount on massage services. They will likewise be given a 10-percent discount on food and drinks at the hotel's restaurant and bar.

On March 27, a delectable Easter brunch at the Monsoon Restaurant and Bar can be availed of from 6 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at a discounted price of P300 net per person.

The Linden Suites offers discriminating travelers luxurious rooms with complete kitchen facilities, CD stereos, fax machines and high-speed Internet access. There are also meeting rooms with access to wireless broadband technology and a health club with jacuzzi, sauna, and a heated indoor swimming pool.

Enjoy the affordable room rates for the Easter package. From March 18 to 27, a Studio Suite goes for P2,999 net, a One-Bedroom Suite for P3,499 net, and a Two Bedroom Executive Suite for P4,999 net.

For inquiries and reservations, call 638-7878 or e-mail sales@lindensuites.com.

SIKA DIY PRODUCTS NOW IN PANGASINAN

Nicanor Manzano (2nd from right), president of SureServe Co Inc (Sika Philippines' regional distributor), presents the Sika DIY (Do-It-Yourself) Products Pangasinan distributorship agreement to Alice V. Bautista, proprietor, Alice Merchandising & Construction Supply, Dagupan City, as Antonio Bautista, Alice Merchandising general manager (left), and SureServe vice president Jun Reyes look on.

AHS 71 GRAND ALUMNI HOMECOMING

Araullo High School batch 1971 recently had its grand alumni homecoming Feb. 19 at the Araullo grounds. With fellow members of Batch 71 was GMA-7 screenwriter Roy Iglesias, most outstanding alumnus, whose work for 'Mano Po' recently won for him best picture and best story.

ProductFILES

Intelligent theater system from Bose

THE BOSE Lifestyle 48 DVD home entertainment system will change the way you think about movies and music...even your CD collection. Digitally store and organize up to 340 hours of music in the media center, featuring a progressive scan DVD/CD player. The ADAPTiQ audio calibration system analyzes your room and adjusts your Lifestyle system's sound for great performance and cinematic experience.

One of the key elements of the Lifestyle 48 DVD system features the award-winning Jewel Cube speaker arrays-measuring only 4½ inches high-for dramatically lifelike sound. These are the smallest and most powerful speaker arrays of Bose, yet they deliver sound you would expect from speakers many times their size. The Jewel Cube speakers fill your room with wondrous surround sound.

At the heart of the Bose entertainment system is the Acoustimass module, which produces resounding low notes that bring action sequences to life and adds fullness to music. The Acoustimass module can be placed out of sight, so all the sound seems to come from the Jewel Cube speaker arrays.

For inquiries about Bose entertainment systems, call 898-2048, 634-8484 or visit its showrooms at the Rockwell Powerplant Mall, SM Megamall, SM City North Edsa, Festival Supermall, Robinsons Place Manila or log on to www.eleksis.com.

Bits & Clips

'Taste of Thailand'

SAVOR the marriage of the East and the West in "Taste of Thailand" featured in Edsa Shangri-La's Garden Café from March 14 to 20. A fusion of centuries-old Eastern and Western influences, Thai cuisine is a harmonious blend of the hot, tangy, subtle, salty, sour and sweet. Every dish is meant to be a feast for the senses, equally satisfying to the eyes, nose and palate. The guest chef from Shangri-La Hotel Bangkok spices up Garden Café's daily lunch and dinner buffet. Garden Café is located at the lobby level of Edsa Shangri-La, Manila. For inquiries, call restaurant reservations at 633-8888 extensions 2738 and 2739.

GTF theater workshops

GANTIMPALA Theater Foundation (GTF), in cooperation with the National Parks Development Committee (NPDC), invites kids, teens, and young adults to the GTF-NPDC Summer Musical Theater and Stage Management Workshops from April 4 to May 14 at the rehearsal hall of the Concert at the Park Auditorium, Luneta, Manila. Registration starts on March 14. The workshops offer lectures and actual exercises that revolve around acting, singing and dancing in preparation for a performance in a musical theater production. The Stage Management Workshop, on the other hand, will teach participants professional stage management techniques for productions, concerts and special events. For more details, call 536-5860 or 528-0603, or text 0921-5286308.

Catering seminar

MB&G/ProActive is now accepting reservations for the March 2005 batch of the Managing a Catering Business Seminar-Workshop slated for March 14 to 18, from 1 to 5 p.m. at Eastwood City, Libis, Quezon City. Caterers, restaurateurs and those planning to start or manage a catering business are invited. Call 687-1787 or 0915-4315375. The 5-day training features lectures and hands-on workshops on planning the menu, equipment and staffing cost control, and room arrangements.

Land firm banks on the rich, goes for high-end

By Ronnel W. Domingo

A BUSINESS such as real estate development may seem like a straightforward deal—people need land or a piece of a high-rise where they can build and make a home and probably that's it.

But just as vehicles are not just uniformly something that get people to and from places, real estate can be as varied as clothing when it gets down to the owner's lifestyle.

So when the local market reeled from the glut of the late 1990s as well as the aftermath of the Asian financial crisis, one company broke through with a novel idea.

In 2001, Landco Pacific Corp. introduced the leisure farm concept which strengthened the foundation of its lifestyle brand.

Alfred Xerez-Burgos III, Landco president and chief executive, says the leisure farm with its contained community was a new trend then in the country.

Landco initially offered 450 lots which were sold out within 18 months. "The concept proved successful and within a few months a number of competitors have picked up the idea," Burgos says.

The pioneering project was, what else but the Leisure Farms, in Lemery, Batangas. With 123.5 hectares of wide, rolling terrain, it is the first hobby farming community and "agri-tainment" site in the country.

Leisure Farm, which would have a total of 666 lots when fully developed within this year, would combine modern amenities, perimeter fencing, 24-hour security, and complete farm management services with venues for good old country fun and adventure—nature trails, a clubhouse, swimming pool and linear lake.

FARM supplies are readily available at Leisure Farms' village plaza.

Included in the package is an agri-tainment park, which feature demonstration areas for cultivating a number of organic and hybrid vegetables, a coffee farm, fishpond, fruit orchard and hydroponics.

Burgos says the idea, his brainchild that earned him his master's degree from the Asian Institute of Management, integrates residential resort features with high-value modern farming.

The project worked so well for the company that Landco's debts was pared down from P4 billion in 1999 to about P2 billion as of 2004, Burgos says.

"When we started it we posted P300 million in revenues. This tripled to P900 million a year later in 2002 and again to P2.7 billion in 2003."

Landco followed up in 2003 with the Ponderosa Leisure Farms in Silang, Cavite. This time, the focus is on combining residential amenities with the enjoyment of ornamental gardening.

Another first-of-its-kind project, the 53-ha Ponderosa—with lots averaging at 1,000 square meters—is described as a garden community with residential resort features, "designed as a haven for the city-dwelling urban gardener."

Meant to look like a rustic Mexican-Spanish village at the foothills of Tagaytay, Ponderosa provides residents with gardening supplies and the technology they need as well as maintenance and care services for their gardens whenever they are away.

Within the year, the company will develop a 92-ha residential and tourism estate in Calatagan, Batangas.

Landco wants to transform Calatagan into a major tourist town, "offering varied nature-based attractions and activities."

Asked whether the company might already be overreaching itself, Burgos says: "We did much better (in sales) in 2003, but the problem really is inventory—we don't have much to sell."

Where lies . . .

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tends to point to an agro-industrial development strategy which can go either import-substituting or export-processing. And certainly a shift in development paradigm becomes inevitable. A shift in technical assistance and project packaging ... from the traditional stand-alone farmer financing to integrated development and/or joint venture capitalism albeit rural in setting.

Integrated development

An integrative culture encourages collaboration. It promotes complementation between farmers and processors; between the farm, the factory and the marketing outlets. It bridges if not minimizes, the gaps in the enterprise value-chain which otherwise will create the unwanted slacks and bottlenecks, the unnecessary risks and failures.

A stronger push for backward-forward integration comes to mind as an approach to grow together, create employment and generate the synergy. Contract-growing arrangement and/or product sub-contracting (so-called village connection) are familiar tie-ups. Collaboration between producers, service providers and processors resulting in value-adding business units and new jobs under joint venture agreements is another. Equity investing to capitalize rural economic entities which can harness available skills and transform idle resources and/or ideas into goods that are sought for by the market is yet another, and so on.

Sample ventures

. One example is the Davao del Sur Agro-Industrial Corporative Inc., a joint venture with farmer-cooperators, miller-investor and creditor-entity. It encourages the participation of more farm hands, with the opportunity of becoming shareholders as well. Each time a farmer delivers his produce to Dasuraicor, an amount is retained as deposit for purchase of shares. Shares are then issued to farmers annually, under a pre-agreed divestment of shares by existing stockholders. After four years, it now counts with 373 farmer-stockholders.

Another is the Philippine Pioneer Rubber Products Corp. in Zamboanga. A collaborative effort among ARC cooperatives, private investors, farm workers, the local government unit and the creditor-bank. It is now on its fourth year of profitable operations and comfortably declares dividends.

These are two pilot projects under the so-called ACCESS program (Accelerating Countryside Change thru Equity Sharing Strategy) we developed for Land Bank in 1999. They are but initial samples of integrated breakthroughs which are inspiringly growing, providing jobs and mobilizing rural business opportunities. The letdown is when viable trail-blazing programs, such as this, are not pursued seriously enough. Then we default on our mission and fail our people.

Communitarian consciousness

The integrated approach to development creates a communitarian consciousness which yields much more than the total of each separate investment added together. All components interact in a mutually reinforcing manner. And certainly, the chain of value-adding activities—from inputs sourcing to farm production, to processing and to marketing—generate employment opportunities at every step which could spill over to other communities. Through integration, industrial connectivity with all key players in the program is achieved both on the supply and demand side; and which allows for the participation of the poor in the returns of the enterprise not only at the primary production front, but all the way to the more profitable and more advanced processing-marketing-servicing level.

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* A Local Small Investor ("LSI"), as defined in the PSE Revised Listing Rules, is a share subscriber or purchaser who is willing to subscribe or purchase up to a minimum board lot (10 shares in the case of SM Investments Corporation) or whose subscription or purchase does not exceed P25,000.00. If you wish to subscribe via the LSI Program, an Application Form is attached hereunder which you may cut-out, accomplish in four copies, and submit, together with the required attachments and check payments to BDO Capital & Investment Corporation ("BDO Capital") or any of the Underwriters listed above on or before 12:00 noon of 17 March 2005. A signature card may be obtained from BDO Capital or any Underwriter. Multiple applications from a single investor are discouraged and may cause the automatic rejection of the investor's application. For additional information, you may contact BDO Capital at 636-6060, 633-6756, 702-6707 or any of the Underwriters, whose contact details may be viewed at www.ihap.org. A copy of the Prospectus relating to the Offer may be obtained from BDO Capital or may be viewed at www.pse.org.ph.

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APPLICATION TO SUBSCRIBE/PURCHASE
Offer of Common Shares with Par Value of P10.00 per share

This Application Form, to be completed in four (4) copies, together with a duly executed signature card, the appropriate check payment, and all required attachments must be received by the Domestic Underwriters or Selling Agents not later than 12:00 noon, Manila Time, on March 17, 2005.

Applications received thereafter or without the attachments specified below will be rejected. This Application is irrevocable and once received, may not be withdrawn by the Applicant. SM Investments Corporation (the "Issuer" or "SMIC"), by itself or through BDO Capital & Investment Corporation (the Domestic Issue Manager and Lead Underwriter; "BDO Capital"), reserves the right to accept or reject, in whole or in part, this Application. Applications improperly or incompletely accomplished may be rejected. In case of over-subscription, the Issuer, by itself or through BDO Capital, reserves the right to allocate the Offer Shares available to Applicants in the manner it deems appropriate.

An Application, once accepted, shall constitute a subscription/purchase agreement between the Issuer/the Selling Shareholders and the Applicant for the subscription to/purchase of the Offer Shares at the time, in the manner, and subject to (a) the conditions set forth herein; (b) the Issuer's/Selling Shareholders' receipt of the appropriate funds from the Applicant; and (c) the successful listing of the Shares on the Philippine Stock Exchange.

Capitalized terms used herein shall have the meaning ascribed to them in the Prospectus filed by the Issuer, together with its entire Registration Statement, with the Securities and Exchange Commission on February 1, 2005, as may be amended or supplemented.

APPLICATION

I/We apply to subscribe/purchase SM Investments Corporation Offer Shares under the terms and conditions stated herein and in the Prospectus for the Offer, as follows:

NUMBER OF OFFER SHARES	OFFER PRICE PER OFFER SHARE (IN PESOS)	TOTAL OFFER PRICE (IN PESOS)
	P 250.00	P

Applications must be for a minimum of 10 Offer Shares, and thereafter, in multiples of 10 Offer Shares.

PDTC LODGEMENT/DELIVERY OF STOCK CERTIFICATES

The Applicant shall indicate a choice of either (a) lodging the Offer Shares with the Philippine Depository and Trust Corp. ("PDTC") or (b) requesting the issuance of a stock certificate evidencing the Applicant's ownership of such Offer Shares. Should the Applicant choose to lodge the Offer Shares with PDTC, the Applicant must provide the additional information required for PDTC-lodged Offer Shares. The Offer Shares will be lodged by the Issuer and the Selling Shareholders with the PDTC within two (2) trading days prior to the Listing Date. Stock certificates to be issued to the Applicant (if so requested) shall be made available by the Stock and Transfer Agent for pick-up by the requesting Applicant from three (3) trading days after the Listing Date. Stock certificates that remain unclaimed for a period of 30 days from the Listing Date shall be dispatched by mail, at the risk of the Applicant, to the address specified herein.

THE APPLICANT IS REQUIRED TO INDICATE HIS CHOICE BELOW. THE APPLICANT'S FAILURE TO INDICATE HIS CHOICE BELOW, OR THE PROVISION OF INCOMPLETE OR FALSE INFORMATION WITH REGARD TO THE APPLICANT'S CHOICE AS REQUIRED HEREIN, MAY LEAD TO THE AUTOMATIC ISSUANCE OF STOCK CERTIFICATES, SUBJECT TO CERTAIN CONDITIONS DESCRIBED BELOW, WITHOUT PREJUDICE TO THE ISSUER'S RIGHT TO REJECT OR SCALE-DOWN SUCH APPLICATION.

☐ PDTC-Lodged*
☐ Certificated

* Additional Information required for PDTC-lodged Offer Shares (to be completed with the assistance of the PDTC Participant appointed by the Applicant)	We confirm that we are a PDTC Participant and that the Applicant named in this Application is our bona fide client.
PDTC Participant Firm, PDTC Participant Code, PDTC Sub-Account Code	Authorized Signature(s) and Stamp of PDTC Participant

PAYMENT

The Offer Shares must be paid for through a personal or corporate check, manager's check or a cashier's check drawn against a bank account with a Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas-authorized agent bank or any branch thereof, located in Metro Manila. Checks should be dated as of the date of submission of the Application, made payable to "SMIC Public Offer", and crossed "Payee's Account Only".

TYPE OF CHECK	DRAWEE BANK/BRANCH	CHECK NO.	AMOUNT
☐ Personal ☐ Corporate ☐ Manager's/Cashier's			

REPRESENTATIONS AND WARRANTIES

I/We represent and warrant that all information contained herein and the attached documents are true and correct. I/We warrant having read and understood and relied solely upon the provisions of the Prospectus and the terms and conditions stated within this Application, and unconditionally accept said terms and conditions. I/We understand that no person has been authorized to give information or to make any representation with respect to the Offer Shares other than those specified in the Prospectus. I/we further represent that I am not/we are not a "U.S. Person"* within the meaning of Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

NAME OF APPLICANT (IN PRINT)	SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT	DATE

ADDRESS	NATIONALITY	TELEPHONE NUMBER/S	TAX IDENTIFICATION NUMBER

ACKNOWLEDGMENT

(Applicants should not fill in this section)

To be completed by the Trading Participant/Underwriter/Receiving Bank	To be completed by the Stock and Transfer Agent
Application received: By:__________ Date/Time: __________ Name of Trading Participant/Underwriter & Authorized Signatory	Application received: Total Number of Offer Shares: __________ By: __________ Date: __________

REQUIRED ATTACHMENTS TO THIS APPLICATION

☐ A duly executed signature card in the form attached to this Application;
☐ A certified true copy of the Articles of Incorporation and Bylaws of the Applicant;
☐ A certified true copy of the SEC Certificate of Registration of the Applicant; and
☐ A duly notarized certificate of the Applicant's corporate secretary that sets out (a) the resolutions of the Applicant's Board of Directors or equivalent body authorizing the subscription to the Offer Shares subject of the Application and designating signatories for the purpose; and (b) percentage holdings by Philippine nationals in the Applicant.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THE SALE/PURCHASE OF OFFER SHARES IN SM INVESTMENTS CORPORATION

The information supplied below are merely excerpts taken from the Prospectus filed by the Issuer, together with its entire Registration Statement, with the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") on February 1, 2005, as amended or supplemented. For a complete description of the Terms of the Offer, the Applicant is advised to refer to the section entitled "Terms of the Offer" in the Prospectus.

1. **The Offer** – The Offer comprises an offer of a minimum of 75,000,000 and a maximum of 140,000,000 Shares of common stock of the Issuer of par value P10 per Share. The Offer Shares will comprise new Shares offered by SMIC and may include existing Shares offered by certain members of the Sy Family (the "Selling Shareholders"). Approximately 35% of the total Offer Shares are initially being offered in the Philippines pursuant to an initial public offering by the Domestic Underwriters, subject to reallocation.

2. **Eligible Investor** – The Domestic Offer is only open to Philippine Investors. "Philippine Investor" means:
   (a) A citizen of the Philippines who is at least 18 years of age;
   (b) Any person who is not a citizen of the Philippines, but is a permanent resident of the Philippines;
   (c) Any corporation, association or fund that is a Philippine resident or organized under the laws of, the Philippines; and
   (d) Trading Participants of the PSE.

3. **Offer Price** – The Offer Price is P230 to P300 per Offer Share. The final Offer Price shall be determined on March 10, 2005 and shall be announced immediately thereafter.

4. **Minimum Subscription** - Applications to subscribe to the Offer Shares must be for a minimum of 10 Shares, and thereafter in multiples of 10 Shares.

5. **Offer Period** – The Offer Period shall commence at 9:30 a.m., Manila Time, on March 11, 2005 and closes at 12:00 noon, Manila time, on March 17, 2005. The Issuer and BDO Capital & Investments Corporation ("BDO Capital", the Domestic Issue Manager and Lead Underwriter) hereby reserve the right to extend or terminate the Offer Period at any time.

6. **Application and Acceptance** – Applications and signature cards may be obtained from the Underwriters or the Selling Agents. A duly and fully accomplished Application in four (4) copies together with a) duly executed signature card, the appropriate check payment, and required documents must be received by the Underwriters or Selling Agents on or before close of the Offer Period.

   The Issuer, through BDO Capital, reserves the right to reject any application or scale down or re-allocate any of the Offer Shares applied for. An Application, once accepted, shall constitute a subscription/purchase agreement between the Issuer/the Selling Shareholders and the Applicant for the subscription to/purchase of the Offer Shares at the time, in the manner, and subject to (a) the conditions set forth herein; (b) the Issuer's/Selling Shareholders' receipt of the appropriate funds from the Applicant; and (c) the successful listing of the Shares on the Philippine Stock Exchange ("PSE").

7. **Payment** – The Offer Price shall be paid in full in Philippine currency upon the submission of a duly executed Application, signature card, and other required documents. Applicants shall pay for Offer Shares through a personal or corporate check, manager's check or a cashier's check drawn against a bank account with a Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas ("BSP")-authorized agent bank or any branch thereof, located in Metro Manila. Checks should be dated as of the date of submission of the Application, made payable to "SMIC Public Offer", and crossed "Payee's Account Only".

8. **Documentary Stamp Taxes** – The documentary stamp tax due on the original issuance of the Offer Shares shall be for the account of the Issuer.

9. **Refunds** – In the event this Application is rejected or the number of shares applied for is scaled down, or the Offer is cancelled, the corresponding amount paid by the Applicant shall be refunded, without interest, through a check payable to the Applicant (or in case of joint Applicants to the first named Applicant) and crossed "Payee's Account Only" and mailed or delivered, at the risk of the Applicant, to the address specified by the Applicant in the Application within 5 Banking Days after the close of the Offer Period.

10. **PDTC Lodgement** – The Applicant shall indicate a choice of either (a) lodging the Offer Shares with the Philippine Depository and Trust Corp. ("PDTC") or (b) requesting the issuance of a stock certificate evidencing the Applicant's ownership of such Offer Shares. Should the Applicant choose to lodge the Offer Shares with PDTC, the Applicant must provide the additional information required for PDTC-lodged Offer Shares. The Offer Shares will be lodged by the Issuer and the Selling Shareholders with the PDTC within two trading days prior to the Listing Date.

11. **Issuance and Delivery of Stock Certificates** - Stock certificates to be issued to the Applicant (if so requested) shall be made available by the Stock and Transfer Agent for pick-up by the requesting Applicant from three trading days after the Listing Date. Stock certificates that remain unclaimed for a period of 30 days from the Listing Date shall be dispatched by mail, at the risk of the Applicant, to the address specified herein.

12. **Registration of Foreign Investments** – None of the Issuer, the Underwriters, and the Selling Agents undertakes to register any foreign investment with respect to the Offer Shares with the BSP. It shall be the obligation of any foreign investor to register his/its foreign investment with the BSP to allow such shareholder to source foreign currency from the Philippine banking system for the repatriation of capital and remittance of dividends pertaining to the Offer Shares.

13. **Representation and Warranty of Foreign Investors** – Applicants who are not Philippine citizens or which are corporations that are not Philippine nationals represent and warrant that their investment in the Offer Shares being applied for will not violate the rules of their respective jurisdictions, and that acquiring and investing in the Offer Shares are permitted in such jurisdictions. The Offer Shares have not been and will not be registered under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and may not be offered or sold within the United States or to, or for the account or benefit of, "U.S. Persons" (as defined in Regulation S under the U.S. Securities Act of 1933, as amended).

14. **Restriction on Issuance and Disposal of Shares** – The Issuer and the Sy Family have agreed not to offer, sell or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly, any securities of the same class as the Offer Shares or any of the Issuer's securities convertible or exchangeable for the Issuer's securities of the same class as the Offer Shares, or announce any of the foregoing, within a period of 180 days following the Pricing Date without the written consent of the Underwriters. Furthermore, pursuant to the PSE Revised Listing Rules, the Sy Family has agreed not to offer, sell or otherwise dispose of, directly or indirectly, the 25,000,0000 Shares acquired by them pursuant to the Issuer's most recent increase in authorized capital stock (which was approved by the SEC on 24 January 2005), within a period of 365 days following such acquisition.

15. **Timetable**
    - Pricing of the Offer Shares ("Pricing Date") - 10 March 2005
    - Domestic Offer commences - 9: 30 a.m., 11 March 2005
    - Domestic Offer closes - 12:00 noon, 17 March 2005
    - Expected Listing Date - 22 March 2005

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Cebu, Davao get piece of call center action

CALL center operators are taking advantage of business opportunities in the provinces.

By Tina Arceo-Dumlao

THE FUTURE of the call center industry is so bright the Philippines has to wear shades.

And it is not just Metro Manila that is blinded by the glare, so too are the provinces out to get a big piece of the action.

Cebu, for instance, has positioned itself as the main hub of information and communications technology services outside Metro Manila.

Some 14 call centers have already started operating in Cebu, including Sykes, PeopleSupport, Convergys, eTelecare and Globe Alliance. More are coming out of the pipeline.

Companies exploring opportunities in Cebu include Ambergris, Teletech, Daksh, Vision X, Teleperformance and Wipro Spectramind.

Cebu comes top of mind of companies looking to set up call centers in the provinces because of the strong local government support and long history of hosting large foreign investments.

Cebu's attractions

But the main attraction is Cebu's large pool of English speakers who meet the world-class service and language standards demanded by call center operators.

Joel Mari S. Yu, managing director of the Cebu Investment Promotions Center, said in a recent presentation that Cebu would continue to promote itself as a prime destination for ICT projects by working with telecommunications providers to strengthen the network, and inviting investors to put up more IT parks and buildings to host new headquarters.

Felicitas Agoncillo-Reyes, executive director of the Center for International Trade Expositions and Missions, told the INQUIRER that there was a need to increase the number of IT hubs and look for talent outside Metro Manila as demand for Philippine-brand service in the call center industry continues to pour in from the United States and Europe.

Double-digit growth

The Department of Trade and Industry estimated that the call center industry would grow by at least 50 percent this year.

The demand is fueled by the mostly Fortune 500 companies' desire to provide quality service to its customers at the least cost.

The Philippines is a natural provider of this customer service because of its affinity with the United States, cheaper labor rates, and the highly educated and naturally service-oriented talent pool.

Citem figures showed that the number of call center seats doubled from 20,000 in 2003 to 40,000 in 2004, translating to between 32,000 and 64,000 new jobs.

With more companies putting up call centers here to take advantage of the Filipinos' English speaking skills and advanced telecommunications services, the number of seats is expected to go up to at least 50,000 by the end of the year.

Reyes said it would be difficult to meet this growing demand if companies only stuck to Metro Manila, as only about five in every 100 who apply in a call center actually get the job.

Thus, the DTI is putting more effort this year into the development of IT hubs outside Metro Manila and the enhancement of communication skills among students to improve the hiring rate among call center companies.

In Mindanao, the local governments and private sector groups of Davao, General Santos and Zamboanga are working together to attract some ICT investments.

Software groups

Davao emphasizes its advantage as the main trading point in Mindanao, as well as its being an advanced education center.

Davao's software developers have already banded together to look for ways to enhance Davao's image as a viable investment site.

General Santos, on the other hand, brings to the table its experience as the tuna trading capital of the Philippines, thus, its widespread use of the Internet and e-commerce.

Zamboanga, meanwhile, boasts of local government support to ICT initiatives and its stable peace-and-order situation.

Other provinces that are also cashing in on the call center trend include Baguio City, Camarines Sur, Iloilo, Negros Oriental and Negros Occidental.

Reyes was optimistic that these combined efforts of the national and local governments would contribute to the effort to firmly put the Philippines on the map of the growing call center business.

She said that with the Philippines gaining a global reputation as fertile ground for ICT services, other types of business could come this way.

These include animation, graphic and computer-aided design, medical transcription, software development and accounting services.

"We need to show the world that we have what it takes to be the e-services hub in Asia. We already have the raw material, which is our people. We just need to enhance our image," Reyes said.

She said the large companies reaping the rewards of having their call centers housed here were among the Philippines' champions in the world market.

"They are the ones who go out there and encourage other companies to also invest here. In our experience, once we get them here for a visit, they usually end up investing," she said.

Since these visits show no signs of letting up, it is likely that the Philippines will have to keep the shades on for some time.

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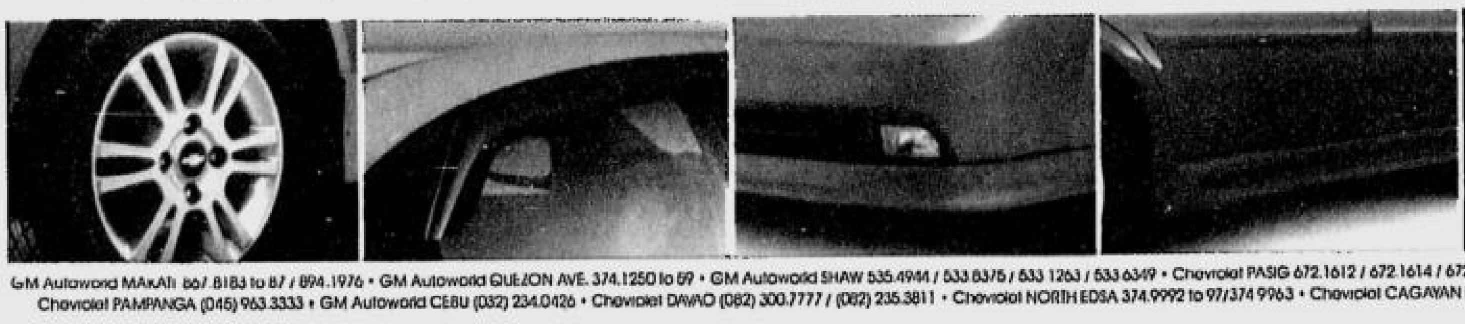

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Indonesia gives Chowking warm welcome

CHOWKING plans to bring Filipino-style Chinese cooking to the rest of Asia

JAKARTA—In a country where less than 10 percent of the residents are foreigners (and even less are Filipinos), turnout of customers during the opening day of PT Chowking International's single store last March 2 was encouraging.

"If the trending continues, we are confident that we can achieve our sales goals for our Indonesian venture." said Rufino dela Rosa, president and chief executive officer of Chowking Food Corp., the parent company of PT Chowking International.

Last year, Chowking's 309 Philippine stores generated about P7.2 billion in sales. The company expects to generate sales of about P8.7 billion this year.

Expansion

PT Chowking's first 120-seat store is located at the 2nd level of the Millenium Mal Artha Gading. Two more stores, also to be located in the capital, will be opened by July this year. The number of stores will increase to 10 by end-2006. "This investment in stores and commissary shows our firm commitment and faith in the Indonesian market," said dela Rosa.

PT Chowking's store and commissary have been halal-certified by the Majelis Ulama Indonesia, the local equivalent of the Philippine Office on Muslim Affairs.

Global

Indonesia is the first foreign market that Chowking has entered since 2000, when Jollibee Food Corp. acquired the company. "Currently, there are two stores in Dubai and eight in the US mainland. And we are happy that all are doing good," he added.

"Our global operation is the future of the company. The vast opportunities in overseas markets will help us sustain our healthy growth," said dela Rosa.

Last year, Chowking posted a 39.4 percent in sales from 319 stores, of which 309 are located in the Philippines.

"Our global strategy is to have a presence in countries with a high population growth and good disposable income. In the case of Indonesia, Jakarta alone has a population of 12 million and at least five other cities with a population base of at least one million each," said Chowking Food international business development head Eduardo Paredes.

Ground work for Indonesia began more than a year ago by the landing team headed by Froilan Manotoc together with personnel from RnD, marketing, operations and veteran cooks. Most of the year was spent on product development and testing. With the help of a research company, a consumer study was done on the market's taste preferences and religious restrictions (such as no pork for the predominantly Muslim populace). The study also tracked the buying and eating patterns of the B-broad C markets that are Chowking's traditional consumers.

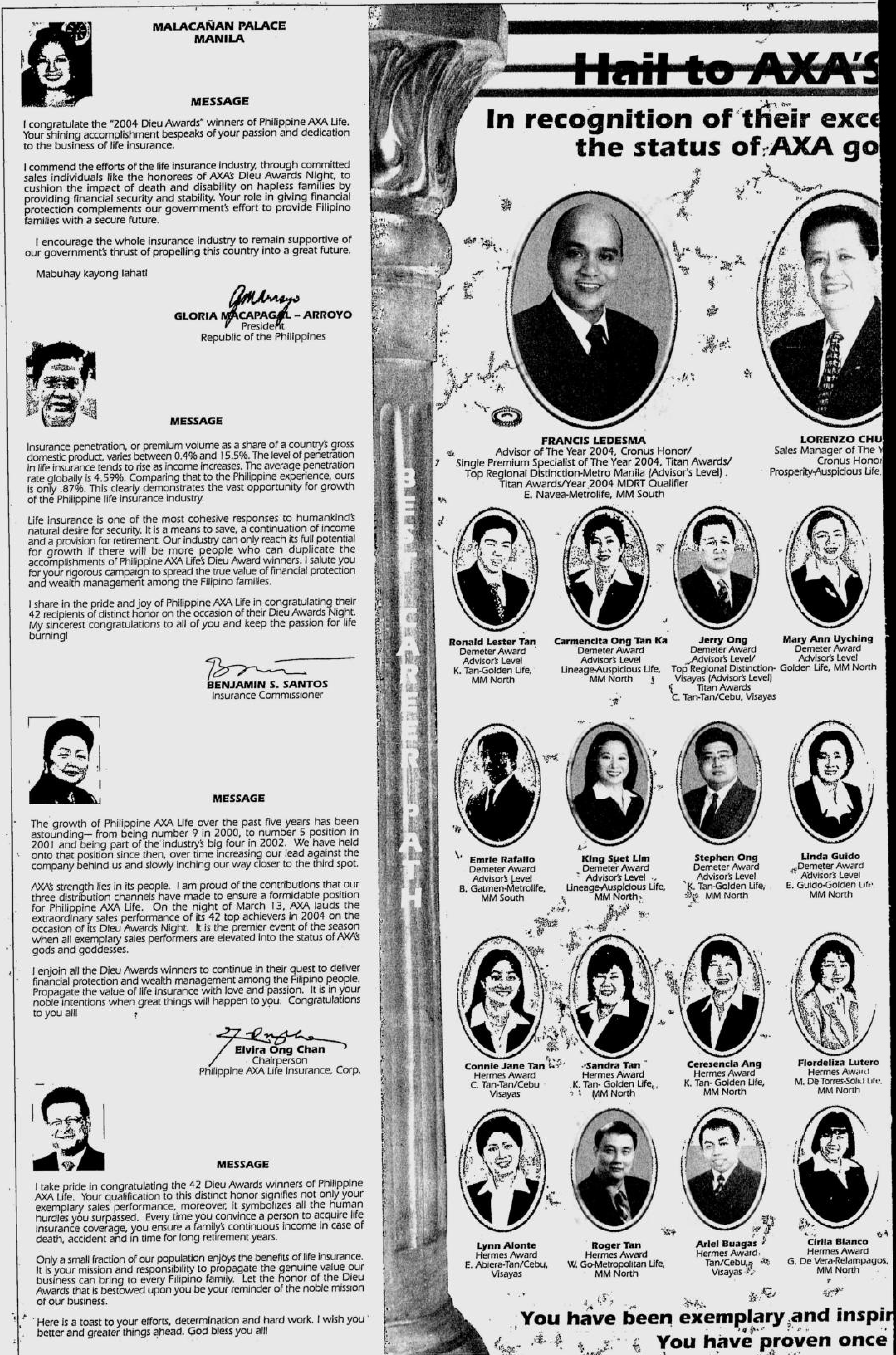
Local business

"We are not here to service solely the Filipino community. To succeed, we have to get the repeated patronage of the locals by giving them what we have given our Filipino customers—a wide variety of oriental dishes that are both delicious and affordable. We are all alone in this market niche," said Paredes.

Like its mother company, PT Chowking has the same core menu, which has, been adjusted to the Indonesian spicy palate. Around this core menu, the company has introduced signature dishes such as Chicken Supreme, which are not found elsewhere in the chain.

"We intend to bring Chicken Supreme, which garnered a 100 -percent acceptability level here, to the Philippines. As we enter other foreign markets, we will be able to create synergies within the chain, not just in the variety of new dishes that will delight our customers in other countries but also in our wider pool of trained managers and cooks," said Dela Rosa.

By then, Chowking would have become a true global brand.



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I congratulate the "2004 Dieu Awards" winners of Philippine AXA Life. Your shining accomplishment bespeaks of your passion and dedication to the business of life insurance.

I commend the efforts of the life insurance industry, through committed sales individuals like the honorees of AXA's Dieu Awards Night, to cushion the impact of death and disability on hapless families by providing financial security and stability. Your role in giving financial protection complements our government's effort to provide Filipino families with a secure future.

I encourage the whole insurance industry to remain supportive of our government's thrust of propelling this country into a great future.

Mabuhay kayong lahat!

GLORIA MACAPAGAL – ARROYO
President
Republic of the Philippines

MESSAGE

Insurance penetration, or premium volume as a share of a country's gross domestic product, varies between 0.4% and 15.5%. The level of penetration in life insurance tends to rise as income increases. The average penetration rate globally is 4.59%. Comparing that to the Philippine experience, ours is only .87%. This clearly demonstrates the vast opportunity for growth of the Philippine life insurance industry.

Life Insurance is one of the most cohesive responses to humankind's natural desire for security. It is a means to save, a continuation of income and a provision for retirement. Our industry can only reach its full potential for growth if there will be more people who can duplicate the accomplishments of Philippine AXA Life's Dieu Award winners. I salute you for your rigorous campaign to spread the true value of financial protection and wealth management among the Filipino families.

I share in the pride and joy of Philippine AXA Life in congratulating their 42 recipients of distinct honor on the occasion of their Dieu Awards Night. My sincerest congratulations to all of you and keep the passion for life burning!

BENJAMIN S. SANTOS
Insurance Commissioner

MESSAGE

The growth of Philippine AXA Life over the past five years has been astounding— from being number 9 in 2000, to number 5 position in 2001 and being part of the industry's big four in 2002. We have held onto that position since then, over time increasing our lead against the company behind us and slowly inching our way closer to the third spot.

AXA's strength lies in its people. I am proud of the contributions that our three distribution channels have made to ensure a formidable position for Philippine AXA Life. On the night of March 13, AXA lauds the extraordinary sales performance of its 42 top achievers in 2004 on the occasion of its Dieu Awards Night. It is the premier event of the season when all exemplary sales performers are elevated into the status of AXA's gods and goddesses.

I enjoin all the Dieu Awards winners to continue in their quest to deliver financial protection and wealth management among the Filipino people. Propagate the value of life insurance with love and passion. It is in your noble intentions when great things will happen to you. Congratulations to you all!

Elvira Ong Chan
Chairperson
Philippine AXA Life Insurance, Corp.

MESSAGE

I take pride in congratulating the 42 Dieu Awards winners of Philippine AXA Life. Your qualification to this distinct honor signifies not only your exemplary sales performance, moreover, it symbolizes all the human hurdles you surpassed. Every time you convince a person to acquire life insurance coverage, you ensure a family's continuous income in case of death, accident and in time for long retirement years.

Only a small fraction of our population enjoys the benefits of life insurance. It is your mission and responsibility to propagate the genuine value our business can bring to every Filipino family. Let the honor of the Dieu Awards that is bestowed upon you be your reminder of the noble mission of our business.

Here is a toast to your efforts, determination and hard work. I wish you better and greater things ahead. God bless you all!

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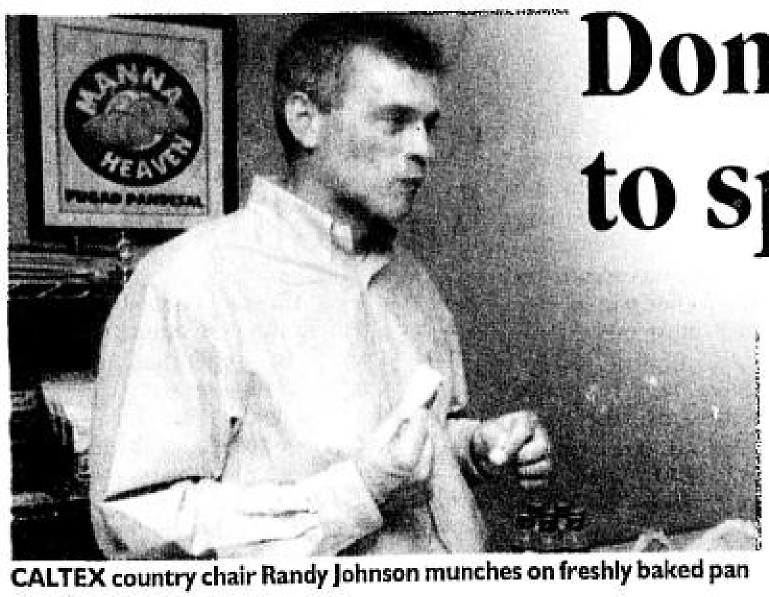
Don Bosco Pugad teaches youth to spread their wings and fly alone



CALTEX country chair Randy Johnson munches on freshly baked pan de sal.

EVERYDAY, the young bakers of Don Bosco Pugad in Pasay Road, Makati rise early to bake the day's bread. By the time Mass starts at 6:30 a.m., the smell of freshly baked Pugad pan de sal would already be wafting through the air, enough to whet the appetite of churchgoers. Residents at nearby San Lorenzo Village, and students and staff at the Don Bosco School get their bread from Pugad, too.

These breads are labeled Manna from Heaven. They are baked and sold by underprivileged migrant youths, all under the custody of Pugad Center.

Pugad or Parish Urchins at Don Bosco, is a drop-in center for street children and migrant youth. Its apostolate is to rehabilitate street children, prevent them from returning to the vagrant life, and eventually reunite them with their families.

The center also offers skills training to migrant out-of-work youth. Sans aprons and baking paraphernalia, these boys are also vocational course students at Don Bosco Technical Institute (DBTI).

Pugad's pan de sal business started when a donor gave the center with a professional baker's oven.

Daily, the bakery churns out 700 to 800 pieces of pan de sal often sold out at P2 each. From the earnings, the bakery contributes some P30,000 a month to the center's operations, shares Pugad's director Fr. Bong Javines.

"No one knew what to do with it. Then I thought, why not put up a bakery since we consume a lot of bread?" explains Fr. Javy.

The same donor trained six youths in bread making and bakery management. Under the program, the baker boys would train their fellow youths.

Next, Pugad volunteers approached Caltex Philippines, Inc. initially to solicit an LPG tank to power the oven. The project's potential sustainability appealed to the oil firm.

"We saw an opportunity for a partnership through the Caltex Fund, a program designed to equip disadvantaged youth with skills, and support livelihood projects and infrastructure improvement," explains Marian Catedral, Caltex's Policy, Government, and Public Affairs head.

Caltex LPG business unit donated a year's supply of LPG tanks. Caltex embarked on a training program that will improve not only the boys' baking skills, but their marketing and selling skills as well.

A 1950s style of peddling pan de sal on pedicabs was adopted. Caltex shouldered the boys' training expenses and provided bicycles.

Beyond baking

These days, 19-year-old Jhun Jhun runs the bakery. He also trains Michael, 22, and Rodell, 20.

Before Pugad, Jhun Jhun was a working student in a convent in Davao del Sur.

"After high school, *wala na akong* chance *na mag* college. *Akala ko magiging tambay na lang ako. Pinasok ako sa* Boys' Town sa Davao City *ng tito ko na nagtatrabaho doon,"* Jhun Jhun relates.

His uncle later referred him to Pugad, where he has been staying for a year and nine months. He finished a course in mechanics and learned to bake pan de sal.

Jhun Jhun hopes to purchase more equipment like a dough kneader, baking sheets and an electric hand mixer for the bakery's newest product, oatmeal cookies with chocolate chips and raisins.

The cookies are sold at the parish's newly opened café, Coffee and Saints, located within the Don Bosco compound where people can enjoy good food.

"The café is an offshoot of the bakery. It serves to maximize the potential of our bakery products. It also intensifies the boys' training, not

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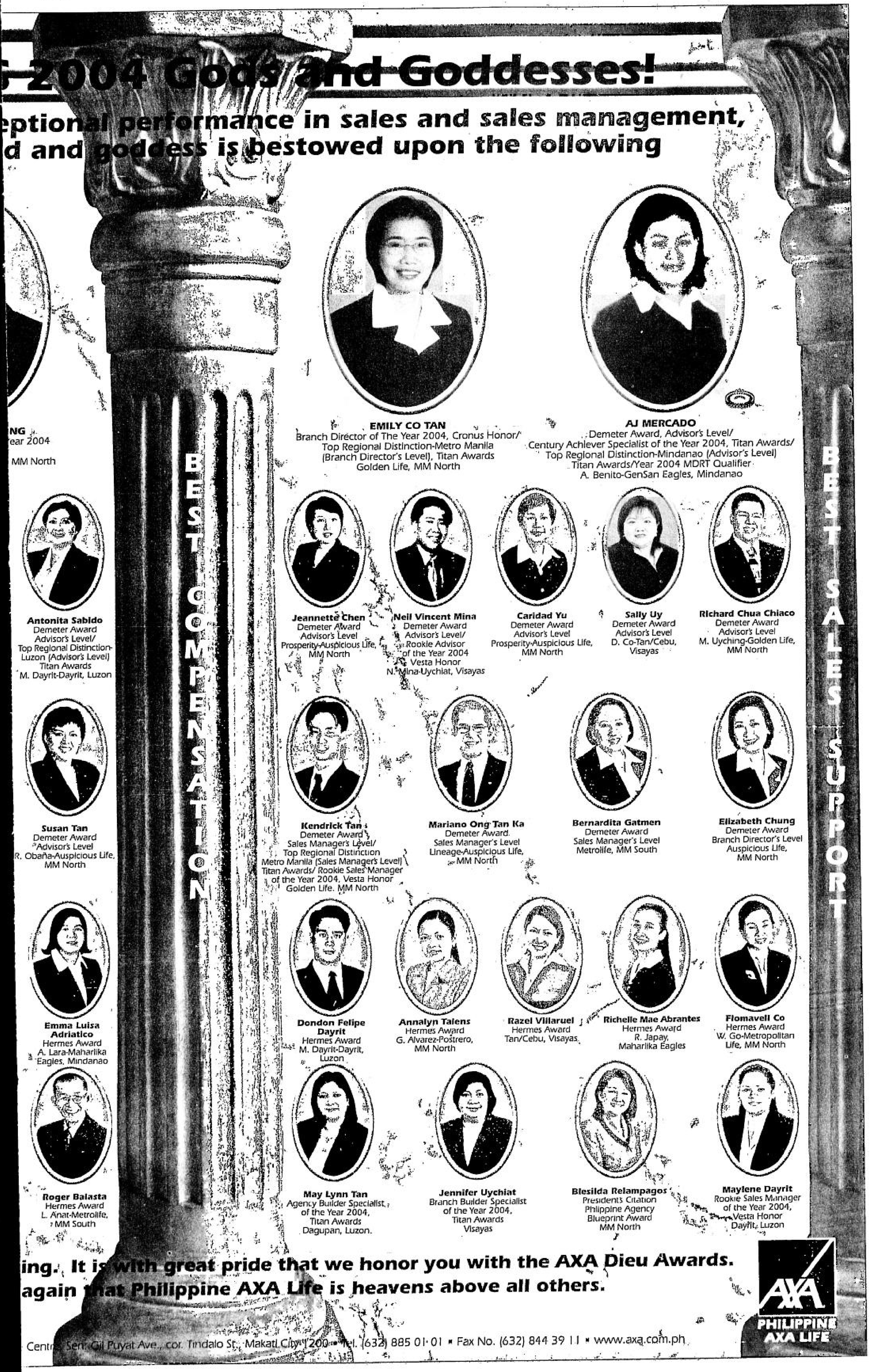

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A LEADER'S WAY

John C. Maxwell

"THE FIRST responsibility of a leader is to define reality."

This statement by Max DePree leaves little room for ambiguity. Depending on your personality, however, it can also be very difficult to practice.

I've always been a dreamer. I've always tried to look on the positive side. I always have great hope, whatever the situation. These traits are admirable in certain circumstances, but at times they have definitely interfered with my ability to define reality.

My lack of realism is a weakness that I've only begun to tackle in recent years. In this process, I've been guided by some advice from Jack Welch, the CEO's CEO.

Because his six rules for successful leadership have helped me so much, I want to share them with you.

1. Control your destiny, or someone else will.
2. Face reality as it is, not as it was or as you wish it were.
3. Be candid with everyone.
4. Don't manage; lead.
5. Change before you have to.
6. If you don't have a competitive advantage, don't compete.

These points grabbed me when I first read them. All of a sudden, I realized I needed to face reality as it was-not as I wanted it to be or as I thought it should be. Realism was the solid ground I needed to stand on.

What is your natural bent? Is it toward optimism or realism? Let me describe what I've gone through in my evolution toward being a more realistic thinker.

As you read, think about which statement best describes where you are.

1. I do not engage in realistic thinking.
2. I do not like realistic thinking.
3. I will let someone else do realistic thinking.
4. I will do realistic thinking only after I am in trouble. (I worked in that mode for several years.)
5. I will do realistic thinking before I am in trouble.
6. I will continually make realistic thinking a part of my life.
7. I will encourage my key leaders to do the same.
8. I will make realistic thinking the foundation of our business. (This is where I am now)
9. I derive certainty and security from realistic thinking.
10. I rely heavily on facts and often make judgments according to the worst-case scenario.

As you can see, I haven't reached the final level yet, but I'm working on it. Your journey toward more realistic thinking might not look exactly the same as mine, but we do have one thing in common.

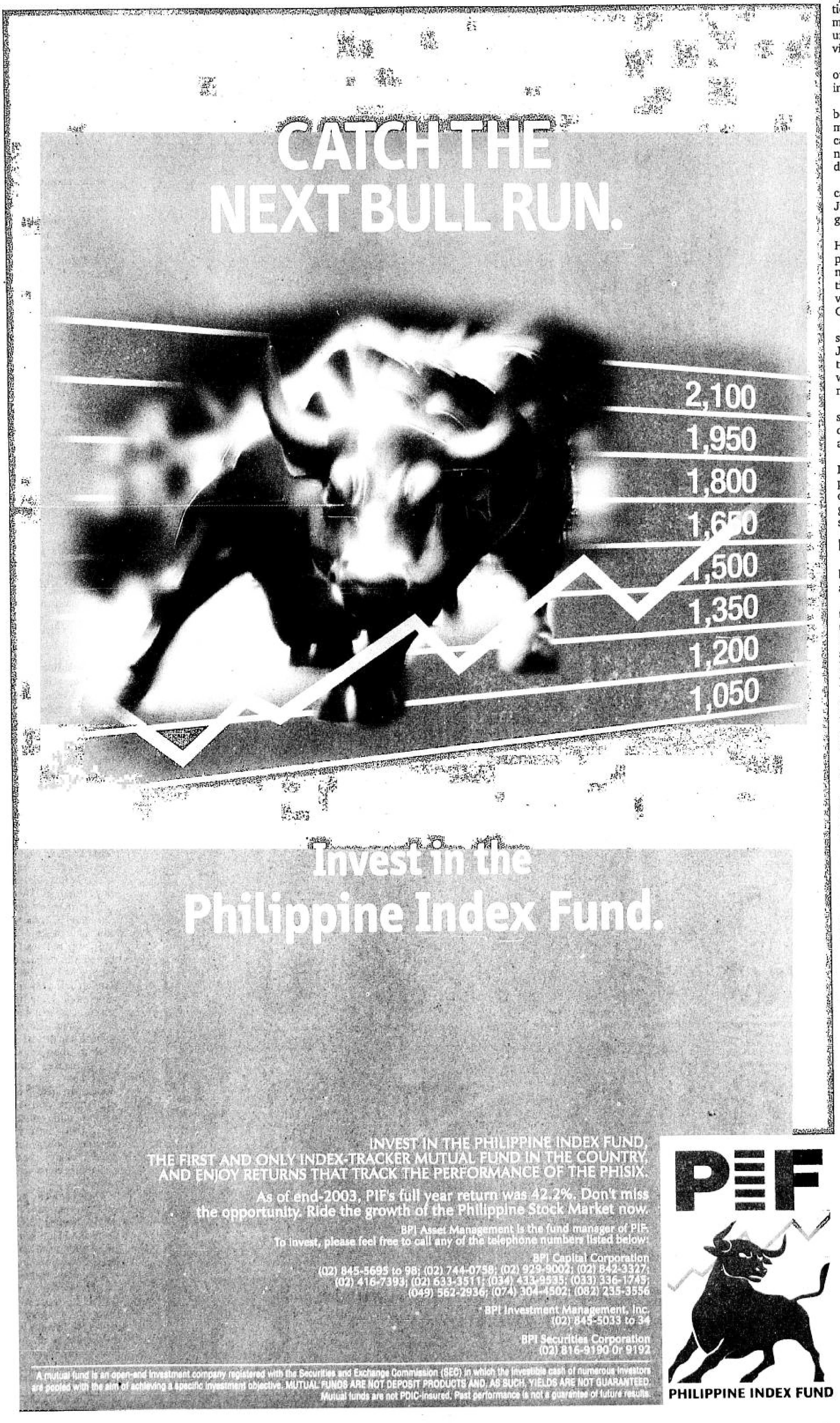
If you and I want to be successful—as leaders and in every other part of our lives—we absolutely must make realism a priority.

I'm not saying we have to throw away our hopes, dreams, and optimism entirely. After all, our dreams are what allow us to soar to new levels. But before we can soar, we must have our feet planted on a firm foundation. And that foundation is realism.

William Arthur Ward once said, "The pessimist complains about the wind, the optimist expects it to change, and the realist adjusts the sails."

Are you ready to get real?

(Send your comments or questions to Dr Maxwell c/o slvguru@pldtDSL.net)



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Aging boomers to drive growth for industries

NEW YORK—As US baby boomers get ready to turn 60, a different set of industries is looking for a piece of this generation's estimated $2 trillion in annual buying power.

A variety of companies, from medical device makers to pet stores, are beginning to market to these 78 million people—the first of whom enter their 60s next year at a rate of about 7,700 a day—as they shift their focus from work and family to some form of retirement.

"What you are about to see is the best-educated, most adventuresome, self-indulgent generation in history about to have more free time than they ever imagined, and they are going to re-sculpt industries," said Ken Dychtwald, president of Age Wave, which conducts market research and consults on boomer issues.

A couple of decades ago, hitting 60 stirred up images of relaxing in retirement communities in sunny states, but this generation is more likely to seek out adventure, travel and urban housing as they settle into what they view as a prelude to permanent retirement.

Investment strategists are already staking out positions to capitalize on this seismic shift in demographics.

While health care companies are sure to benefit from an aging population, some fund managers are looking beyond drugmakers because of generic competition and a lack of new products to deliver the industry's historic double-digit profit growth.

"I think the slightly safer way to play health care is in medical devices," said Dean Junkans, chief investment officer of Wells Fargo Private Client Services.

Companies like Stryker Corp. and Zimmer Holdings Inc., which make hip and knee replacements, are poised to do especially well, not just in the United States but also internationally, said Edward Hemmelgarn, chief investment officer of Shaker Investments in Cleveland.

Junkans, who cautioned many of these stocks are not cheap, said companies like Johnson & Johnson, which makes prescription drugs and over-the-counter products as well as medical devices, also offer an opportunity.

The quest to grow old youthfully will fuel spending on such items as cosmetic procedures, exercise equipment and houses built to accommodate residents as they age.

Natural food chains like Wild Oats Markets Inc. and Whole Foods Market Inc. are also a promising area, "but you have to be conscious of valuations," said Randy Watts, a small-cap growth fund manager at Boston Company Asset Management.

Managing money

Financial services will probably gain as baby boomers age and seek out long-term insurance and help with managing their money.

"There still are an awful lot of investors that don't have a financial plan, and one of the big catalysts for financial planning is (boomers) nearing retirement," Junkans said, adding that those that woo this client base will likely gain loyal customers for years.

In coming years, previous generations are likely to pass $20 trillion to $40 trillion of wealth to the boomers, also fueling big business in estate transfer and wealth management, Dychtwald said.

Lifetime income annuities may also gain popularity.

"Before, there was a death benefit," Age Wave's Dychtwald said. "Now people are worried about living beyond their money, which is causing the entire life insurance industry to reconsider its game plan." *Reuters*

Don Bosco . . .

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just in baking but in the food industry as a whole," explains Ruel Polancos, in charge of Pugad's programs.

Pee Jee, 20, who used to run the bakery with Jhun Jhun, now trains here. Also from Davao and a former Boys' Town resident, Pee Jee has been staying in Pugad for two years. He is the eldest of eight children; his father is a carpenter while his mother sells achara. Most of what Pee Jee earns at Pugad, he sends home. Eventually, he wants to return home and settle there.

Entrepreneurial skills program

Recently, Caltex donated P1 million which will be used for the Youth Entrepreneurial Skills (YES) program. The YES program equips the boys with more skills such as costing, inventory management and customer relations things they learn while on duty at Coffee and Saints or selling pan de sal.

"We want to open to them the possibility of owning a business, like fishball carts, meat processing and bread making which are all very lucrative," states Fr. Javy.

The investment in skills training have paid off. Jhun Jhun and Pee Jee have been hired as bakers' assistants by an international shipping line. This development sparked interest in other migrant youths who now compete to undergo the bakery and entrepreneurial skills training.

As Fr. Javy stresses: "The boys don't stay here permanently, hence the name pugad or nest. Life is not here, it's out there. We will heal your broken wings, but you have to learn to fly."

Taking a peek at Bill Gates' empire and why they're sleepless in Seattle

EXPERIMENTING with dual computer screens

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

REDMOND, Seattle—Bill Gates, one of the richest men in the world, works at Bldg. No. 34 of the Microsoft Corp. head office here in the "sleepless" state of Washington, home of the famous Starbucks coffee shop chain.

Someone kidded that the reason they are sleepless in Seattle is because they drink too much Starbucks coffee, found on almost every corner. Most of the restaurants brand their coffee as Starbucks. Microsoft, which provides free drinks to its employees (canned sodas, juices, etc.) has cups labeled Microsoft coffee by Starbucks.

The 36,000 or so employees of the giant software company here do not know much about the schedule of the billionaire but with all the technology the firm has been developing, Gates is just a button push away from Microsoft's top officials who simply call him "Bill."

MICROSOFT official shows software being studied that will allow a conference call between people in a boardroom, a CEO 30,000 miles up in the air, a truck driver from out of state, and a supplier miles away.

Microsoft folks say he still maintains an office on the campus, referring to Microsoft headquarters.

While some of the industries in Seattle like Boeing, have greatly reduced their employees, Microsoft remains stable and continues to provide good benefits to its people.

Patrick S. Viernes, a Filipino who works in Microsoft in Redmond as a program manager for planning, talks about the balanced life he has. He has time for his family and he says the firm gives leeway for its employees to prioritize family during occasions.

Perhaps it is because of the way its top guy has changed. In a recent interview with ABC (of the US) anchor Peter Jennings, Gates said "having kids has been a fantastic thing for me. It's meant that I'm a little more balanced. In my 20s I worked massively, hardly took a vacation at all. Now, I, with the help of my wife, I'm always making sure I've got a good balance of how I spend my time."

And Gates in the same interview claims he does not do e-mail when he is on vacation "because that's my time to read."

It is interesting to note that Gates already uses some of the technology still being tested in a real house called the Microsoft Home, in his own house—a sprawling place also in the Redmond area.

TALK has it Gates uses a lot of the technology being studied in Microsoft in his own home

GATES

Building No. 33 or the Center for Information Work of the Redmond campus houses a prototype of a conference room and a home that uses future technology. In the Microsoft Center for Information Work, the vision is to enable companies to have video conferencing with their CEO up in an airplane 30,000 miles above while communicating with a supplier from out of state who in turn talks and gives orders to a truck driver on the road in another state.

The Center also hosts a variety of computer monitors such as one with a dual screen. It has a software system where a person's location can be pinpointed at any moment, just like the Marauder's Map in Harry Potter but this time the location is flashed in a giant screen.

The 24/7 way of life has never been more realized than in such a setting.

The Microsoft Home on the other hand uses biometrics instead of a housekey to unlock the house. In the future one can either just use the palm of his hand or his eyes to open a locked door. A lot of the procedures are executed via voice command such as a multimedia story-telling experience where lights go dim as befits the story or the colors around a room change.

The family TV in the future home will be such a multi-featured gadget they might have to invent a new name for it.

A memory sculpture sits in a corner. The sculpture stores photos and memories of a person and shows up at the press of a button.

In the bedroom one has a mirror that shows you the pants or skirts that go with a top you chose. All you have to do is hold up your chosen shirt and it will show your choices.

The kitchen has a bulletin board which "reads" certain data you post on it.

Microsoft Corp. recently toured 21 journalists from all over the world to the "campus" as they call the Microsoft head office, to show what the firm is doing to ensure online security—a threat to the software empire's growth.

Top officials of the firm spent two days talking about the steps taken by Microsoft and the programs put in place to ensure users of its software that they are protected from fraud doers.

In the same interview with Peter Jennings, Bill Gates stated security is "our top priority because for all the exciting things you will be able to do with computers—organizing your lives, staying in touch with people, being creative—if we don't solve these security problems, then people will hold back."

The ease with which commerce can be done in the Internet and the computer in general has also given rise to an onslaught of fraudulent activities where billions of dollars are lost every year.

Although Internet fraud is still few in the Philippines, this has already become a threat in the world market.

The bigger problem in developing countries such as the Philippines remains piracy. Microsoft's VP for Global Corporate Affairs Pamela Passman says $13 billion are lost annually to piracy.

Microsoft admits the effort to fight piracy and fraud does not rest on the company alone. It needs the help of government not just in the US but in the countries where it operates.

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Nine schools from various regions of the country were adjudged winners. Their proposals showed programs that were innovative and creative and would help inspire our public school children to get into the habit of and nurture the love for reading and foster community spirit. Each proposal also will help build community pride and togetherness.

Last February, representatives from the various winning schools gathered at the Department of Education's Bulwagan ng Karangalan to receive their trophies, certificates and cash awards from Secretary Florencio Abad of the Department of Education, Citigroup Country Officer James Hunt, Philippine Chief Representative for Citigroup Global Markets-Asia Pacific Hans Sicat, SAS President Margarita Delgado and SAS VP-Treasurer Lizzie Zobel.

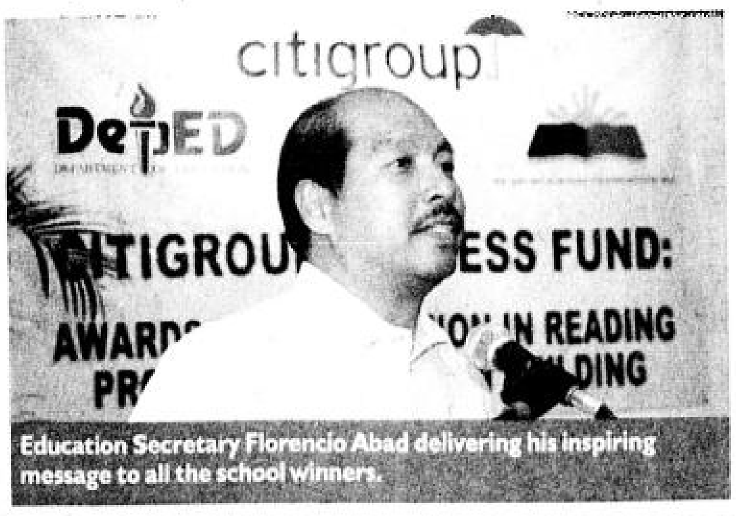
And the WINNERS are

The winning nine schools of the Citigroup Success Fund during the Awards Ceremony at the Department of Education Complex in Pasig City.

San Fernando Elementary School of San Fernando, Pampanga, represented by Merly Pineda, Corazon Miranda, Nida Patio, Honora Bondoc, Evelyn Magpayo and Leonila Maglaqui.

Naga Central School I of Naga City, represented by Lynn Padillo, Joan Valdez, Ruby Bausas and Anna Bella Abellera.

San Miguel Elementary School of La Carlota City, represented by Anthony Liobet and Ritchel Tangub.



Education Secretary Florencio Abad delivering his inspiring message to all the school winners.

The partnership which made the first run of the Citigroup Success Fund Awards Program a huge success. James Hunt, SAS's President Margarita Delgado, DepEd Secretary Florencio Abad and Lizzie Zobel.

(From left) Sa Aklat Sisikat Foundation VP-Treasurer Lizzie Zobel with Citigroup Country Officer James Hunt and Citigroup Corporate Affairs Head, Lillibeth Fajardo.

FIRST PLACE WINNERS:

"LEAP (Love for Extensive Academic Progress) through Reading"
Naga Central School I, Naga City
Principal: Francia D. Oporto
Team Members: Lynn Zuniga-Padillo, Joan F. Valdez, Ruby Chua-Bausas, Anna Bella F. Abellera

"Book Relay"
San Fernando Elementary School, Pampanga
Principal: Elena C. Herrera, PhD.
Team Members: Merly M. Pineda, Corazon Miranda, Nida S. Patio, Honora Bondoc, Evelyn H. Magpayo, Leonila Maglaqui

"Read and Save!" Program
San Miguel Elementary School, La Carlota City
Principal: Anthony H. Liobet
Team Members: Ritchel G. Tangub, Nie T. Sacudit, Rutchie S. Otico, Merlyn T. Angelino, Geraldine H. Tarcita, Amabel V. Geduriagao

SECOND PLACE WINNERS:

"Project: CREATES - Create Reading Entertainment Through Arts and TheatreEnviron and Stimulation"
Buli Elementary School, Buli, Muntinlupa City
Principal: Verna P. Obias
Team Members: Hazel B. Francisco, Welchida T. Viray, Elizabeth D. Limson, Janette T. Caballero, Helen T. Cadena

"BOP (Book of Power) Reading Program: Reading Passion for Excellence"
Hen. Pio del Pilar Elementary School, Makati City
Principal: Marietta S. Paz, PhD.
Team Members: Leliane C. Guansing, Carlito N. Guarino, Amelia G. Parungao, Janeth L. Dumoplin, Florentina N. Marzo, Angela R. Lorete

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Bibiclat Elementary School, Bibiclat, Nueva Ecija
Principal: Jose A. Talampas
Team Members: Teresita L. Villaviza, Eunice V. Librada, Linda D. Talampas, Eva P. Pascual, Monina T. Aquino

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Principal: Saturnino L. Bangot, PhD.
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"Reading Enhancement System"
Bagong Buhay E Central School,
San Jose Del Monte, Bulacan
Principal: Herminia C. Maala, PhD.
Team Members: Christopher B. Albino, Corazon G. Manuel, Emelita I. de Belen, Leah S. Sia, Jocelyn T. de Leon

"Program CARE"
Makati Elementary School, Poblacion, Makati City
Principal: Zenaida S. PenaFuerte
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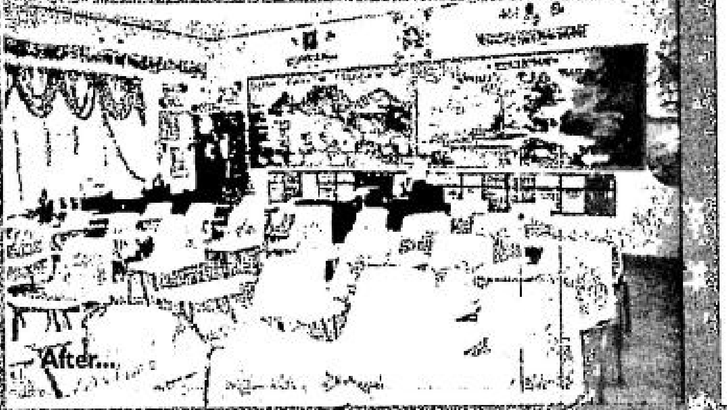

Sa Aklat Sisikat Reading Program and Teacher Training Power Conference

"We develop the reading habit among students..."

Citigroup sponsored the implementation of the SAS Reading Program in 3 schools in Bulacan – San Ildefonso North Central School, Malipampang Elementary School and San Miguel North Central School -which developed the love of reading habit among 453 public school students. A total of 600 brand new children's storybooks were also provided.

A two-day Teacher Training Workshop was also conducted to public school teachers and principals of the 3 public schools to develop the love and habit of reading among Grade 4 pupils. The workshop was headed by facilitators from International School Manila, ably assisted by SAS Gabays from various public schools nationwide.

E-Learning Resource Centers

"We expose young children to the use of multimedia resource and learning materials."

The e-Learning Resource Center functions as mini-library housing a couple of computers, books and other educational materials.

The e-Learning Resource Centers (e-LRCs) function as mini-libraries and study halls, housing a couple of computers, books and other educational tools and materials. Classrooms are renovated and refurbished to make them ready to accommodate the books, shelves and the computers. In each library, a cozy reading area where students can sit among cushions and engage in recreational reading is also constructed. Around the reading area are study desks, tables, and benches where students can do their homework or do research.

Education through Multi-Media (e-Media) Program

"We provide educational television programs and materials for wider classroom distribution and utilization."

The e-Media program aims to provide quality education through effective utilization of its media resources with the use of Educational Television programs such as Sineskwela and Hirayamanawari, which complement the upgraded Basic Education Curriculum implemented in public schools. The learning programs include: Values Education, Mathematics, Civics, English and Filipino. ETV infrastructure (TV sets, VHS players, and ETV-VHS tapes) is installed in classrooms. School teachers undergo teacher training; the use of infrastructure is monitored and evaluated to ensure effective utilization of the ETV material.

Music and Arts Education for the Youth

"We are helping children of fishermen, pedicab drivers, farmers learn how to play the violin, the flute, the piano..."

Citigroup funds the Casa San Miguel's cultural programs for the community. These include training and developing local music teachers, opening a piano program, weekly workshops for visual arts students, and theater productions which include shadowplay, a most accessible form of community theater in the area. The cultural programs of Casa San Miguel brings forth music and theater appreciation not only to the urban areas but reaching into the rural areas where an overwhelming wealth of talent abounds.

Casa San Miguel Center for Music and Arts is nestled in rustic San Antonio, Zambales.

Where young prodigies showcase their talent...

Cable-A-School Program

"We provide the 'Gift of Knowledge' to public schools..."

In partnership with Knowledge Channel Foundation and Philippine Business for Social Progress, Citigroup gives the "Gift of Knowledge" to public elementary schools through cabling and satellite dishes, giving access to all-educational TV (ETV) channel on cable which airs curriculum-based video lessons for grade school and high school public students recognized by the Department of Education. It was created as a response to help improve the quality of basic education and equalize learning opportunities for public school children.

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(From the back, standing) Rina Lopez-Bautista, Pres. and Exec. Director, Knowledge Channel Foundation, Inc.; Lillibeth Fajardo, Corporate Affairs Head-Citigroup; Raissa Hechanova Posadas-Director/Head of Corporate Banking-Citigroup together with the principals and students of the schools in Quezon City recently awarded the ceremonial plaque of the "Gift of Knowledge".

I-Love-To-Read Program

"We help slow and non-readers understand better."

Citibank Country Business Manager for Global Consumer Group Nina Aguas presented student Bon Jovi with several books to start off his collection. A grade 3 student, Bon Jovi at the start of the program could hardly read sentences and struggled with simple three letter words. His teachers have lost hope and referred him to Citibank and Save the Children. His mother, a street sweeper, was working round the clock to make ends meet, but ensured he will be supervised one hour daily for his reading sessions at home. Today, Bon Jovi grabs at every opportunity to read books, and is also more socially active.

Citibank volunteers took the students to a park to enjoy a weekend reading session under the shade of trees.

BEST COPY AVAILABLE

Spam, phishing and the business of Internet security

By Margie Quimpo-Espino

REDMOND, Seattle—Back in 1997, Microsoft Corp. corporate VP for security and business and technology unit Rich Kaplan recalls their office was quiet. There were no calls coming in and they were just a bunch of guys sitting at their computers.

"People then were more worried about dotcoms and developing application and compatibility. There was less commerce and less information being put on line," states Kaplan.

Today, however, with billions of dollars worth of commerce transacted via the Net, the possibilities for fraud are just too much to resist for the bad guys and Microsoft, being the largest software developer in the world realized they had to take the lead in the battle against the evil-doers.

Kaplan, Microsoft's Y2K guy, says that today, they receive millions of reports 24/7 about security breaches, and system inefficiencies.

To battle fraud, Microsoft has set up a Trustworth Computing initiative. Adrienne Hall, a Microsoft senior director, says trustworthy computing encompasses security, privacy, reliability and business integrity.

"Microsoft's approach to privacy is that the users have the right to control the information," she says.

The firm has created software like Parent Controls which provides parents with ways to fight against undesirable sites finding their way into the family's e-mail.

Microsoft urges the public to report any information they receive that is obscene to safety.msn.com/articles/junkmail.armx

The Microsoft Security Response Center was also created to fight against fraud on the Net.

In January 2003, the SQL Slammer worm sent Microsoft corporate VP Mike Nash on the road to meet with customers to measure the impact of the virus and gather customer feedback on how to help protect against similar threats in the future. The resounding feedback was that customers needed a more secure OS, a better understanding of the resources available, and trust that Microsoft was working day and night to help protect them against future threats.

Based on the feedback, Nash mandated that Microsoft reach out to customers and the community to educate them about the existing group of people dedicated to helping protect customers by investigating, fixing and learning from security vulnerabilities and threats via the Center.

TO AVOID fraud in the Internet, avoid giving sensitive personal information to sites unfamiliar to you.

The MSRC's goal is to protect customers by focusing on three areas. Stephen Toulouse says MSRC investigates and resolves vulnerability reports from security researchers who can contact the center via Secure@microsoft.com.

Toulouse says the Center also works with the firm's product teams to help prevent issues by implementing security engineering and development changes.

The Center is also in charge of building a relationship with law enforcement and industry members.

So far Microsoft's senior lawyer Tim Cranton says they have filed 250 cases of fraud.

Microsoft actually set up a $5-million fund to reward people who will report fraud deeds. The reward will be given after a court decision is reached.

In the US they are allowed to file John Doe lawsuits meaning the person who spawned the fraudulent deed is not known but his act is.

There are two areas where many of these cases come from— spam and phishing.

Spam is unwanted, unsolicited e-mail from a sender with whom the recipient does not already have a personal or business relationship. It is also known as junk e-mail or UCE (unsolicited commercial e-mail).

Phishing is a type of deception designed to steal your identity. In a phishing scam, a malicious person tries to get information such as credit card numbers, passwords, account information or other personal information from you by convincing you to give it to them under false pretenses.

There are no data on spam and phishing in the Philippines. Spam however is fast being used but more for marketing than for fraud.

In the US 52 percent of the e-mail is now spam messages and the numbers are still expected to go up to 76 percent in three years.

The best thing to do with spam mail is to junk it and delete without opening because sometimes opening the e-mail will just alert the spammers.

Never give sensitive personal information in an e-mail.

Microsoft warns that thieves uses phishing to send spam that meticulously imitates reputable companies such as Citibank, eBay or Microsoft.

Microsoft officials point out that most individuals know that the e-mail they are about to open is fraudulent. Yet they still end up opening it.

Cebu real estate talk set in April

WOULD-BE real estate investors, developers, professionals and property owners of Cebu City and nearby areas are invited to attend a series of lectures on Investing in Real Estate that will be conducted by Urban Institute of Real Estate at the Century Plaza Hotel, Century Plaza Commercial Complex, Juana Osmeña Street, Cebu City from April 7 to 12, 1:30 to 6 p.m.

The topics, which may be attended separately and are all stand alone are as follows: April 7—Investing in Real Estate: Opportunities, Techniques & What are Needed to Learn before Investing; Apr. 8—Property Development and HLURB Rules And Regulations; Apr 9—Joint Ventures and Syndications for Real Estate Projects; Apr. 11—Property Management and Real Estate Appraisal; Apr. 12—How to Start and Manage A Successful Real Estate Brokerage Company.

This Lecture Series is accredited by DTI for CEP compliance and will have as lecturer Engr. Enrico Cruz, who has more than 35 years in real estate, engineering, construction, management and education.

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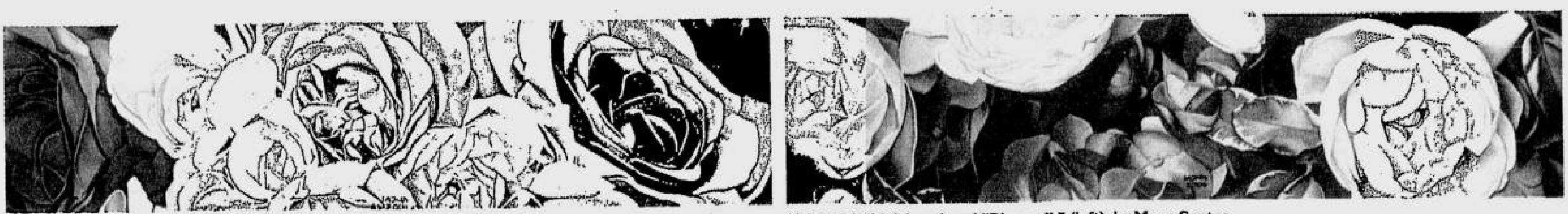


"BLOOMS" 3 (above) and "Blooms" 5 (left), by Mona Santos

Art wedded in nature

By Constantino C. Tejero

SOLER and Mona Santos

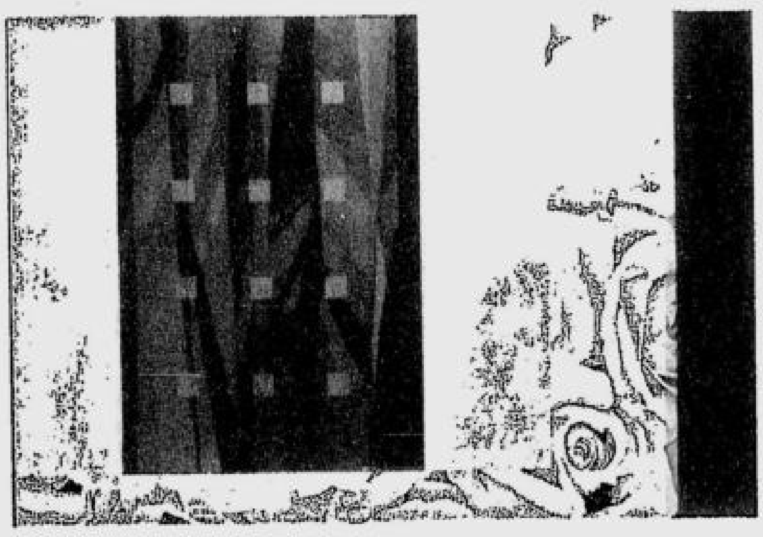
THE RESPECTIVE art of Soler and Mona Santos appears to be acting on the principle of yin and yang—opposite yet unified.

Perhaps subconsciously acting on the masculine principle, Soler produces elongated forms, chiefly straight rigid lines, squares and rectangles, strips and stripes. Mona, representing the feminine principle, thrives on rounded forms, circular strokes, swirls and curves.

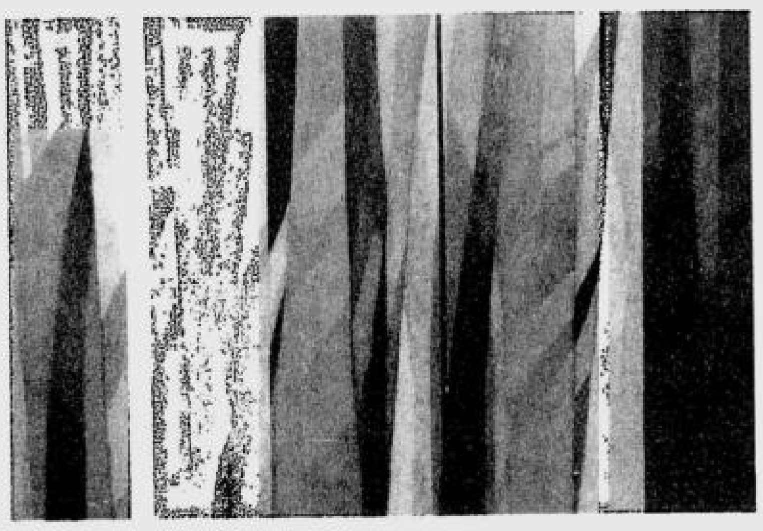
Not only in stylistics, the polarities even go farther technically. Mona's art is figurative, of course, while Soler's is abstract or quasi-abstraction.

She uses flat color, often monochromatic and light-toned, while he constructs varicolored planes, darker-toned, and has a more textured use of material.

Their works are unified in the cleanness of the lines and the celebratory recording of the natural world. One wonders whether, before putting brush to canvas, these artists talked it over and planned it this way. And one realizes they're husband and wife.



"INTERACTION" 2, by Soler and Mona Santos



"RAINFOREST," by Soler Santos

The art lover can better appreciate this rumination in the couple's second joint exhibit of 37 of their pieces in oil on canvas, "Recent Works," presented by Finale Art Gallery on March 16-April 2 in the Art Center at the Artwalk, L/4, Bldg. A, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City (tels. 6342410/ 6342411).

Deceptive quality

Known for his series on leaves, roots, waterfalls and rainforests, Soler here presents the most recent and among the best of them.

In the "Waterfall" series, rendered on elongated canvas, the natural world is barely represented by grid, parallel lines, blocks and strips of color. Without the title, they appear like any geometric abstraction.

Appended with the title, however, the forest, the stones, the leaves, and, indeed, the waterfall unfold before the viewer's eyes in a kind of instantaneous transformation.

The "Rainforest" series is a more harmonious segmentation of space, more visually appealing in composition and chromatics. This, too, has an illusionary quality about it—the power of art to play tricks on mind and eye.

Seen up close, the imagery is of a row of neckties in flame-red, charcoal-gray, slate-blue, ultramarine, ochre, yellow, orange, black. Or just slashes of blue, gray and brown. Step back and put a little distance from the canvas and you'd see a congestion of tree trunks.

This is not labeling Soler's work as Op Art, though it could also be that. Rather, this is acknowledging the power of suggestion of abstraction. A viewer hungry for relevance may read in these pieces a statement on ecology—but that's beside the point.

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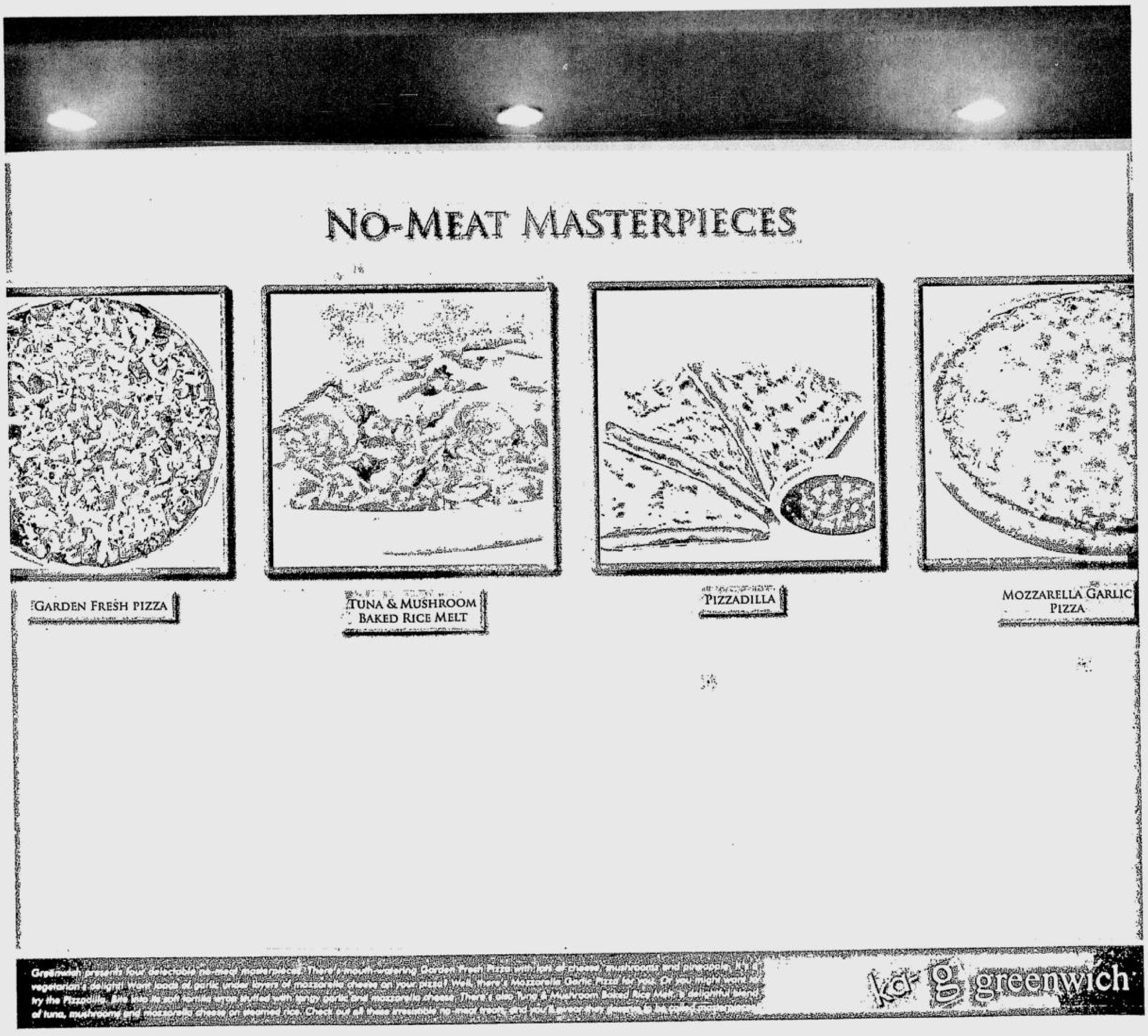

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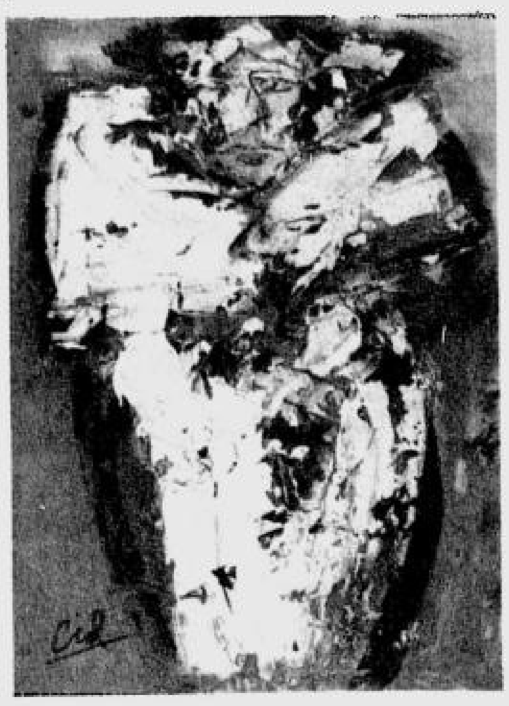
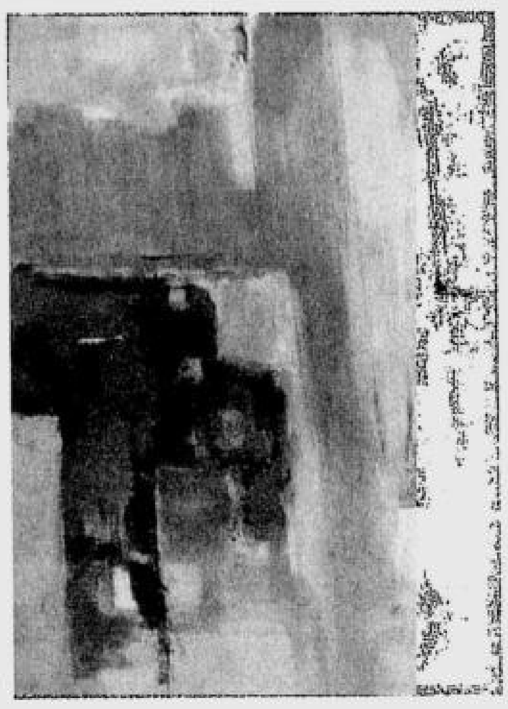
Bridging the figurative and the abstract



"DEMOISELLE de Manille," by Cid Reyes



"RAIN Effect," by Cobie Cruz

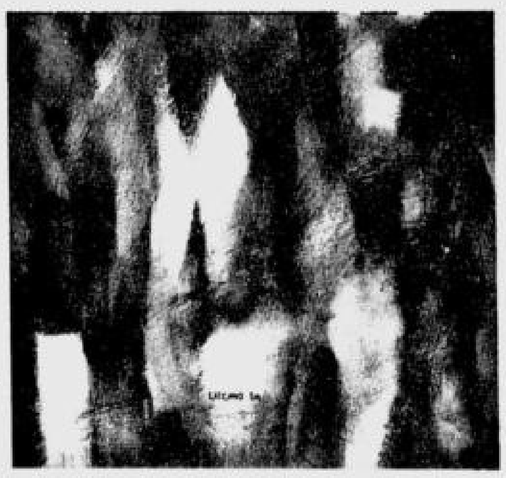
By Constantino C. Tejero

FOUR friends from the advertising world see themselves as musicians playing the piano, violins and cello and making beautiful music together. And how well the music blends!

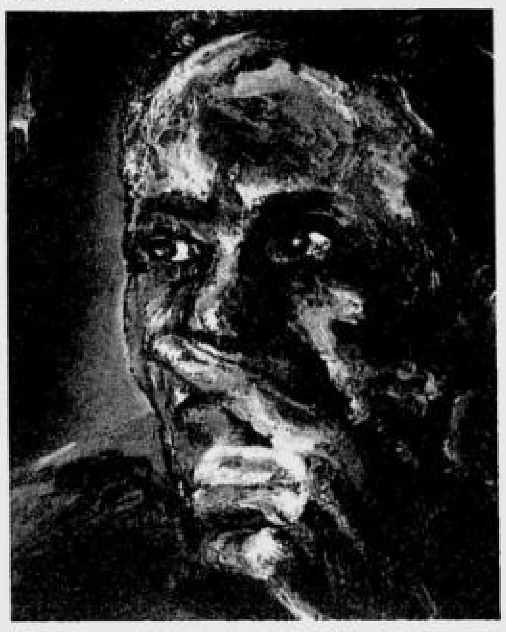
Each contributing one piece in oil or acrylic on canvas, Rico Lascano, Cobbie Cruz, Cid Reyes and José Ibay have formed a small but exquisite exhibit, "Quartet," until March 24 in Galerie Astra, L/2, LRI Business Plaza, 210 Nicanor Garcia St. (formerly Reposo), Bel-Air II, Makati City.

At first glance a show dominated by non-representational art, strictly speaking it is not. This one is really a series of becoming, a process of transformation from the abstract to the figurative.

The fluid process is metaphorized by the movement of music with its progression of rhythm and flow of melody. Here, even the ostensibly abstract pieces border on the impressionist, hinting at image, hence on the brink of figuration.



"TRANSFIGURATION/The Risen Lord!" by Rico Lascano



"THE PERSISTENCE of Memory," by José Ibay

An unintended metaphor is Rico Lascano's "Transfiguration/The Risen Lord!" Rendered in gray, black, white, beige and umber, it shows angular shapes that could be a shrouded form emerging from a catacomb, or rifts of light opening to the dark.

Lascano has been striving for a pentimento effect in his paintings, to suggest constant change and renewal. Using the technique, he has limned here a figure struggling out of abstraction.

Cobie Cruz's "The Rain Effect" is Abstract Expressionist in its outpouring of emotion through broad spontaneous strokes of earth colors of umber, ochre, olive-green. Yet in the downward lines created by the big paintbrush, the viewer instantly recognizes the pouring rain.

In this show, Cid Reyes' "Demoiselle de Manille" is clearly the bridge between the abstract and the figurative. For what could be the first time, we see a figure rendered by this abstractionist. A female form with baffled face and garbed in Maria Clara attire emerges from the mass of color, texture and lines.

While alluding to Picasso in his piece's title, Reyes could also be referencing Bencab in his Filipiniana form and warm colors of reddish-brown, beige, ochre. The stroke, however, is De Kooning.

With José Ibay's "The Persistence of Memory," the exhibit has arrived at full figuration. Figurative Expressionism comes in full force in the artist's intense portrait of a man in deep thoughts. The highlights of ochre, umber and cobalt-blue and the backlight of flame-red increase the anxiety in those eyes.

We wish that the next time these four artists band together, they'd put up a bigger show. As it is, though this one is slight in entries, it is rich in variety. And though the pieces couldn't be more varied, they really blend well like a, yes, string quartet.

Art wedded in nature

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Notable feature

Mona's pieces invariably depict gigantic blooms, roses and magnolias delicately limned, often pastel-colored, in beige, ivory, old rose, fuchsia, orange, blue, with some green in the buds, leaves and sepals. Closely cropped in the pictorial frame, they appear larger-than-life, evocative of sexuality and fruition.

But we won't go further into reading feminist rhetoric here, explicating the flower's labial form, or expounding on woman's fertility. Again, that's beside the point. They just look beautiful, that's all.

A notable feature of the exhibit is the interaction of the two artists, in which in five large-scale pieces they marry their individual imageries, styles and techniques. They clash, of course, but in their very oppositeness they look interesting.

Both artists took up Fine Arts in University of the Philippines, where they first met. Soler received the Thirteen Artists Award from the Cultural Center of the Philippines in 1992, while Mona got the Jurors' Choice in the Philip Morris Art Awards in 1995.

The couple belongs to a family of artists, which includes the venerable Malang as patriarch, a perennial National Artist nominee, and Soler's brother Stevesantos, a leading proponent of Magical Realism in the country.

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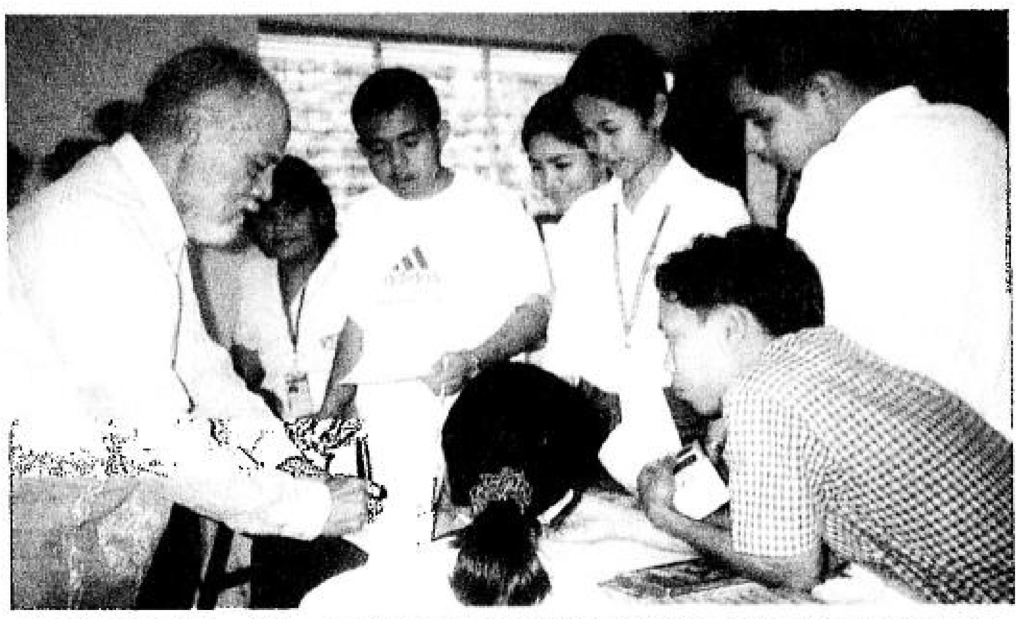
The Treasure Hunt Game was held at the Fountain Area of Robinsons Galleria last March 4, 2005 in the presence of a DTI Representative.

NATIONAL Artist Napoleon Abueva (right) and Bernadette Nepomuceno, president of Holy Angel University, unveil the mural "Kamulatan" at the University's College of Arts and Sciences grounds. The 50-ft mural, by artist Norman Tiotuico, is expected to become a landmark and a tourist destination in Angeles City.

"SACRED Heart of Jesus" at Galerie de las Islas



ARTIST-AUTHOR and "Recreamindoism Rena" philosophy founder Tam P. Austria recently conducted an art motivation seminar for Philippine Women's Academy students in Davao City. During the seminar, he signed and gave a copy of his book to Brenda Barba, Fine Arts department head.

Bose et al at Hiraya, De la Rosa siblings at Galerie Y

HIRAYA Gallery features "Cellars" until April 5 at 530 UN Ave., Ermita, Manila. The exhibit refers to acceptance of one's sexual preference, the fuel for creative energies, the stupor of suppressed fantasies and fragments of obsessive urges. The show features the works of Santiago Bose, Dulcie Dee, Fernando Modesto, Margherita del Balzo, Mariano Ching, Maya Muñoz, Nunelucio Alvarado and Alwin Reamillo. Call 5233331.

HERZON, Giovanni, Rhea and Glace de la Rosa will exhibit their latest works which celebrate harvest, nature and the religious. The show runs March 18-27 in Galerie Y, Megamall A. Call 6342704.

VISUAL ARTS

VIC Secuya's "Spirit of Africa" runs until March 20 at Marco Polo Hotel, Davao City. The paintings document the artist's African experience.

FINALE Art Gallery (SM Megamall) presents Maria Taniguch until March 22. Her works focus on artists' maladies and are part of an ongoing project, "Anthology of Disappointments." Call 6342410/ 6342411.

"BLOOMS" 2 is Kim Soriano's third exhibition. It runs until April 9 at Lé Soufflé at Fernando's (Amorsolo Tower, Amorsolo Drive, Rockwell Center, Makati). The artist's floral paintings are rendered in oil pastel on velour paper. Call 8020849.

THE SATURDAY Group Gallery will present Fernando Sena's "Semana Sena" on March 16-April 6 at 2/F Ali Mall, Cubao, QC. Sena's works feature the Last Supper, the saints and religious scenes on old, chopped, scratched and cracked wood, stone or canvas. Call 9111428.

GALLERIA Duemila showcases Dudley Diaz's "Once Upon a Time" on March 17-April 13 at the 4/L of Megamall A. The exhibit features polychrome hardwood sculptures and cast bronze pieces based on Western and Asian mythology. Call 6343261/ 8319990/ 6336687.

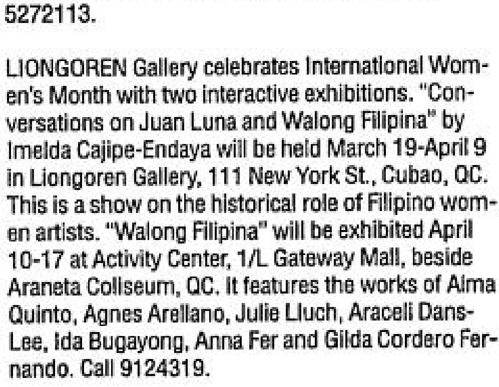
THERESA Miller's "Celebrating Flowers of the Philippines," with collaboration by Tina Wong, will open on March 17 at Lé Soufflé at The Fort. It will be on display for a month. Miller shows 25 watercolor floral paintings. Call 8153231/ 0916-6512818.

GALERIA de las Islas mounts "Recollection," a collection of religious artworks, paintings and prints of Philippine churches, until March 31 on the 3/F Silahis Center, 744 Gen. Luna St., Intramuros, Manila. Participating artists are Antonio Doctor Garcia, Chris Pasco, Gickmai Kundun, Frank Gajo, Claude Tayag, Jes Garcia and F.V. Adriano. Call 5272113.

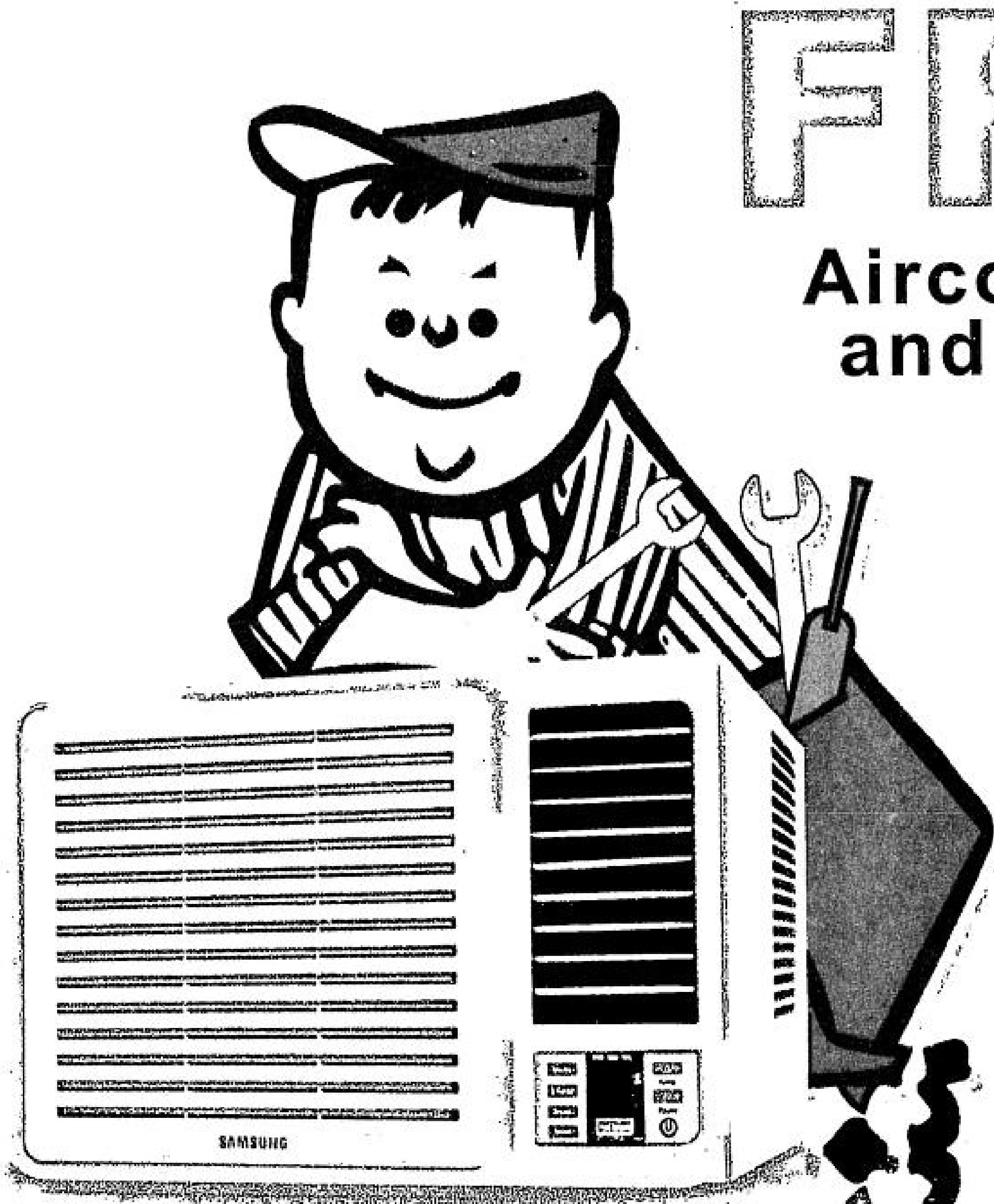
LIONGOREN Gallery celebrates International Women's Month with two interactive exhibitions. "Conversations on Juan Luna and Walong Filipina" by Imelda Cajipe-Endaya will be held March 19-April 9 in Liongoren Gallery, 111 New York St., Cubao, QC. This is a show on the historical role of Filipino women artists. "Walong Filipina" will be exhibited April 10-17 at Activity Center, 1/L Gateway Mall, beside Araneta Coliseum, QC. It features the works of Alma Quinto, Agnes Arellano, Julie Lluch, Araceli Dans-Lee, Ida Bugayong, Anna Fer and Gilda Cordero Fernando. Call 9124319.

CONNIE Zapanta's "Connie's Children" will be held April 9-May 9 in Saturday Group Gallery, 2/F Ali Mall, Cubao, QC. The Makabata School Foundation, Inc. will be the benefactor of this exhibit. The artist presents her modernist impasto pastel impressoions of children at play, in ballet classes or native games.

ALCOVE Photo Gallery offers a series of lighting workshops. Opening the series is "Primer on Photographic Lighting" by Jay Alonzo on April 2, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., at Filipinas Heritage Library, Ayala Triangle, Makati Avenue, Makati. Call 8921801.



AVELLANA Gallery presents Noell Farol's recent works, "Glassbound," until March 21 at 2680 F.B. Harrison St., Pasay City. The artist uses convex lenses with engraved delicate natural elements and Petri dishes that store and display biological or scientific remains. Call 8338357.



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SALVADOR PIGEM
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MESSAGE

I congratulate the good people of Nestlé Philippines, Inc. launching its nationwide initiative, "Let's Talk Wellness," on the occasion of your *1st Philippine Health and Nutrition Summit.*

If wellness is defined as good physical and mental health, maintained by proper diet, exercise and habits, then we have to enhance it as the key to progress and development.

This summit, soon to be replicated in four other key areas all over the country, is an example of the multi-sectoral cooperation and participation that are needed to improve the quality of life of our people, particularly in regard to health and nutrition. We have to emphasize the multi-sectoral nature of this effort because no single sector can succeed alone.

I commend your noble aspiration of promoting good health and productive life among our *kababayans*. I am with you in your goal to enhance our national wellness, and I hope this event will spur you in your vital role as an active player in our social and economic development.

May you have a successful summit and *mabuhay kayong lahat!*

Gloria Arroyo

GLORIA MACAPAGAL -ARROYO
President
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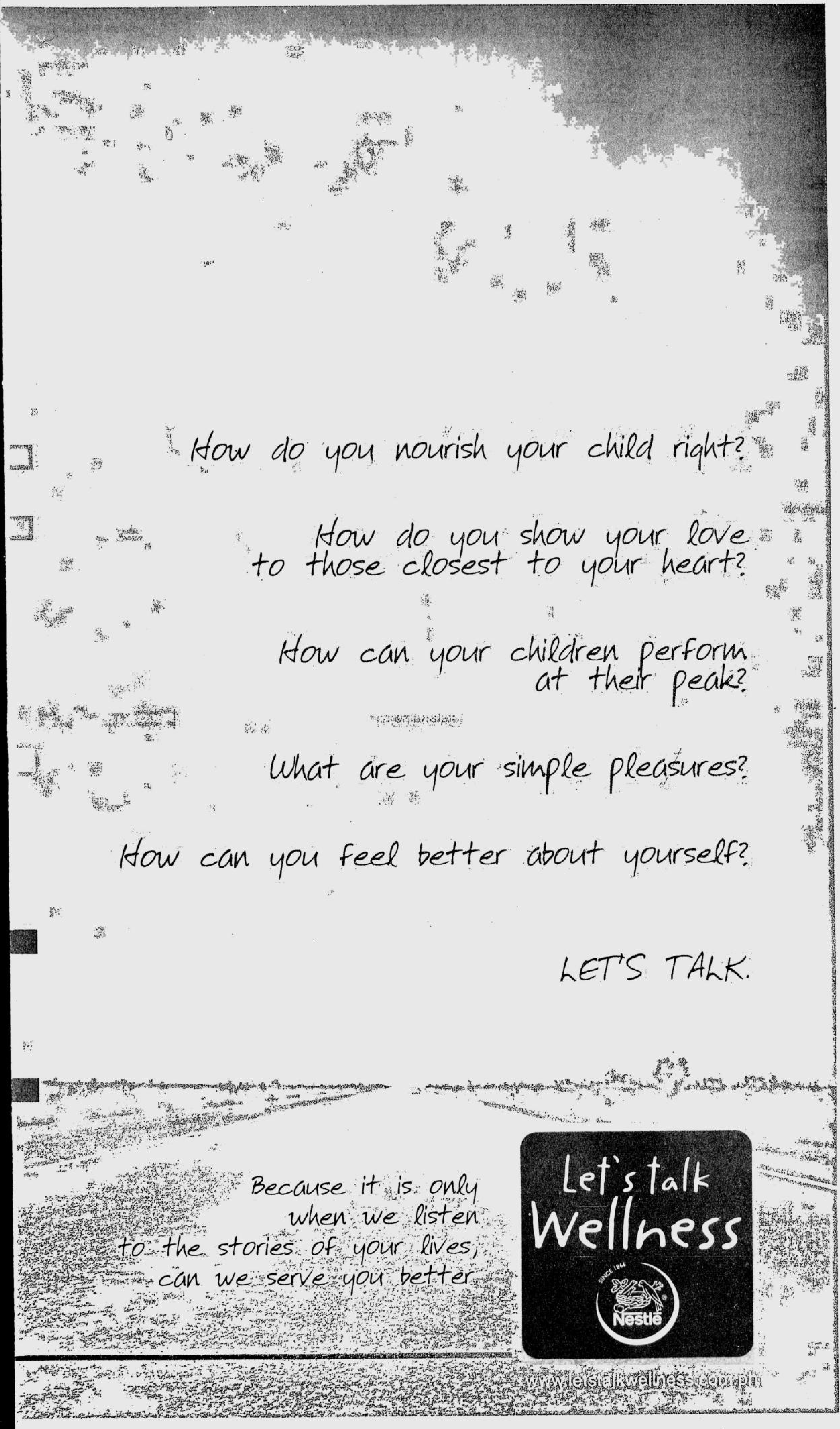

How do you nourish your child right?

How do you show your love
to those closest to your heart?

How can your children perform
at their peak?

What are your simple pleasures?

How can you feel better about yourself?

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to the stories of your lives,
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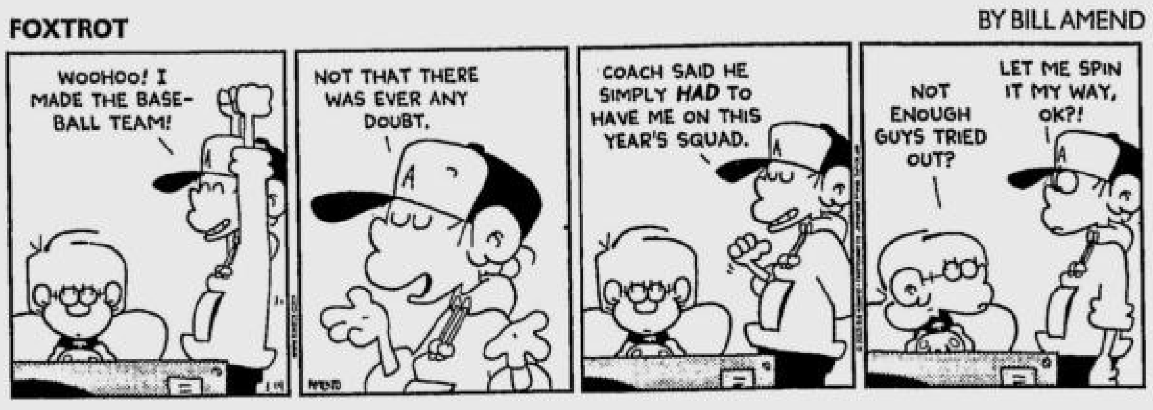
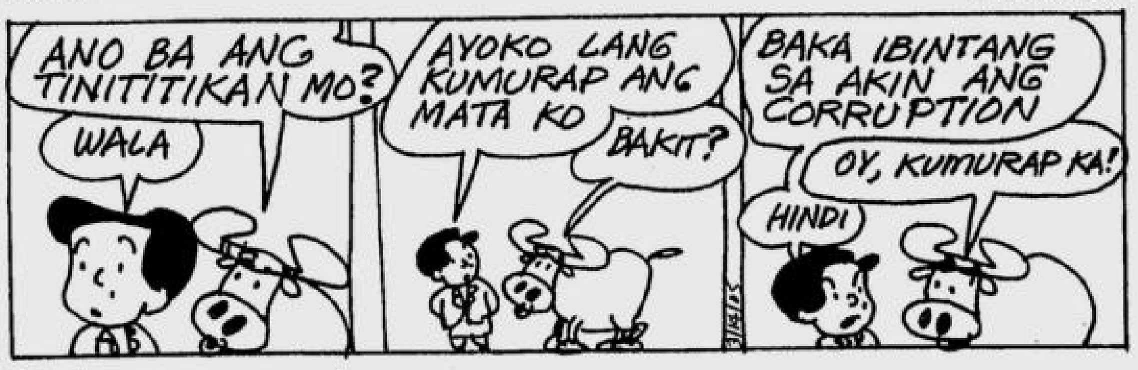
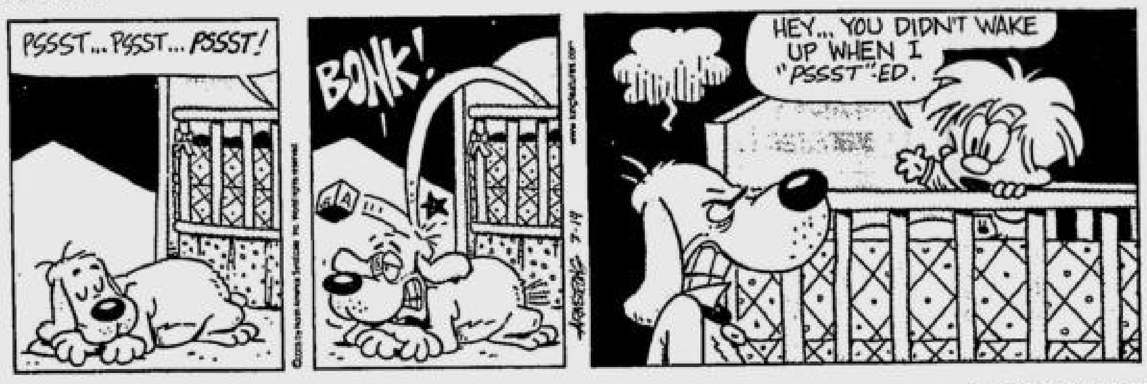

WOOHOO! I MADE THE BASEBALL TEAM!
NOT THAT THERE WAS EVER ANY DOUBT.
COACH SAID HE SIMPLY HAD TO HAVE ME ON THIS YEAR'S SQUAD.
NOT ENOUGH GUYS TRIED OUT?
LET ME SPIN IT MY WAY, OK?!

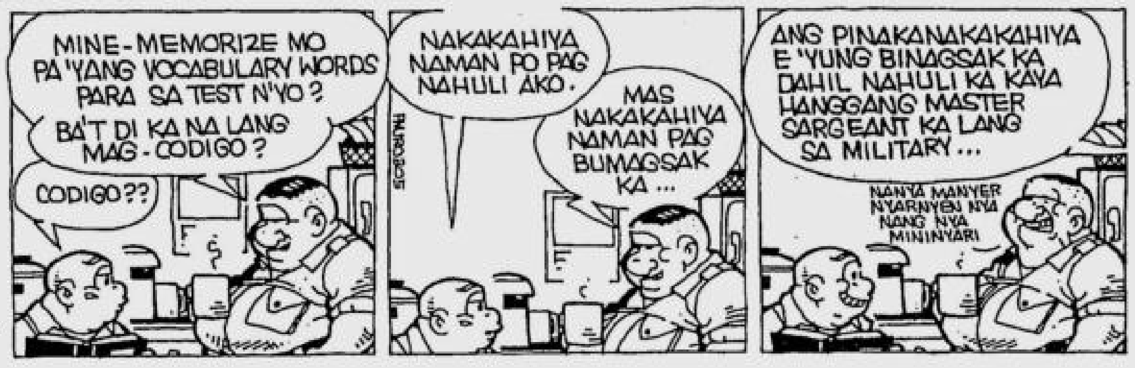
A. LIPIN BY JESS ABRERA


ANO BA ANG TINITITIKAN MO?
WALA
AYOKO LANG KUMURAP ANG MATA KO
BAKIT?
BAKA IBINTANG SA AKIN ANG CORRUPTION
OY, KUMURAP KA!
HINDI

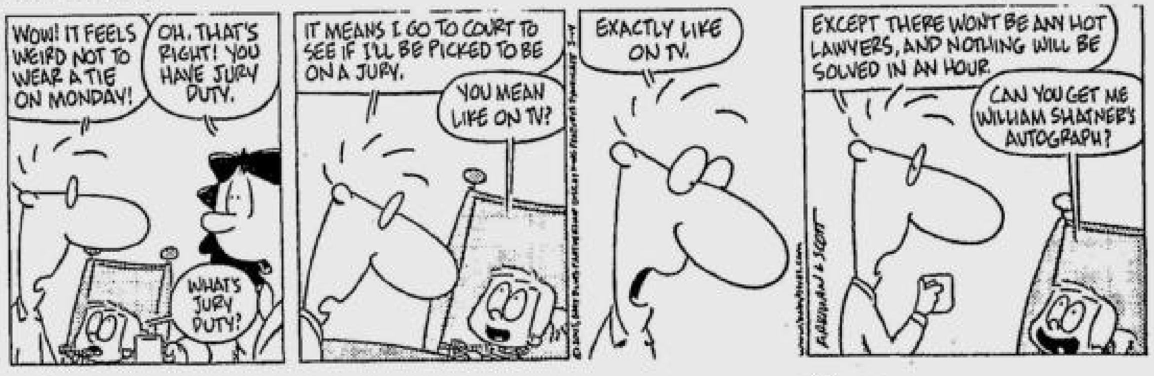
MARVIN BY TOM ARMSTRONG


PSSST... PSSST... PSSST!
BONK!
HEY... YOU DIDN'T WAKE UP WHEN I "PSSST"-ED.

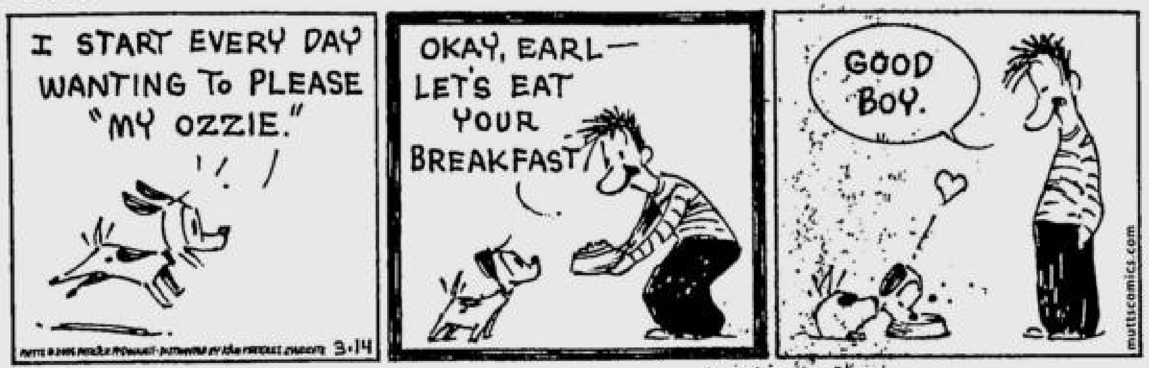
PUGAD BABOY BY P.M. JUNIOR


MINE-MEMORIZE MO PA 'YANG VOCABULARY WORDS PARA SA TEST N'YO?
BA'T DI KA NA LANG MAG-CODIGO?
CODIGO??
NAKAKAHIYA NAMAN PO PAG NAHULI AKO.
MAS NAKAKAHIYA NAMAN PAG BUMAGSAK KA...
ANG PINAKANAKAKAHIYA E 'YUNG BINAGSAK KA DAHIL NAHULI KA KAYA HANGGANG MASTER SARGEANT KA LANG SA MILITARY...
NANYA MANYER NYARNYEN NYA NANG NYA MININYARI

BABY BLUES BY JERRY SCOTT


WOW! IT FEELS WEIRD NOT TO WEAR A TIE ON MONDAY!
OH. THAT'S RIGHT! YOU HAVE JURY DUTY.
WHAT'S JURY DUTY?
IT MEANS I GO TO COURT TO SEE IF I'LL BE PICKED TO BE ON A JURY.
YOU MEAN LIKE ON TV?
EXACTLY LIKE ON TV.
EXCEPT THERE WON'T BE ANY HOT LAWYERS, AND NOTHING WILL BE SOLVED IN AN HOUR.
CAN YOU GET ME WILLIAM SHATNER'S AUTOGRAPH?

MUTTS BY PATRICK McDONNELL


I START EVERY DAY WANTING TO PLEASE "MY OZZIE."
OKAY, EARL— LET'S EAT YOUR BREAKFAST
GOOD BOY.
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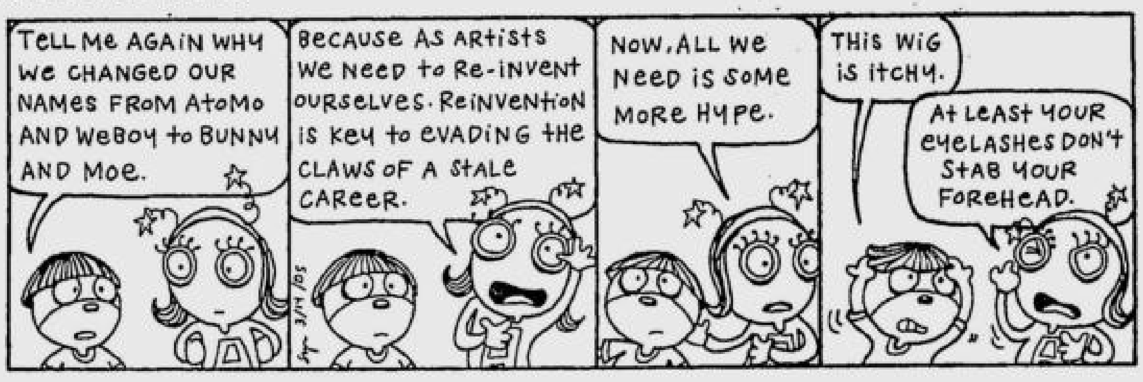
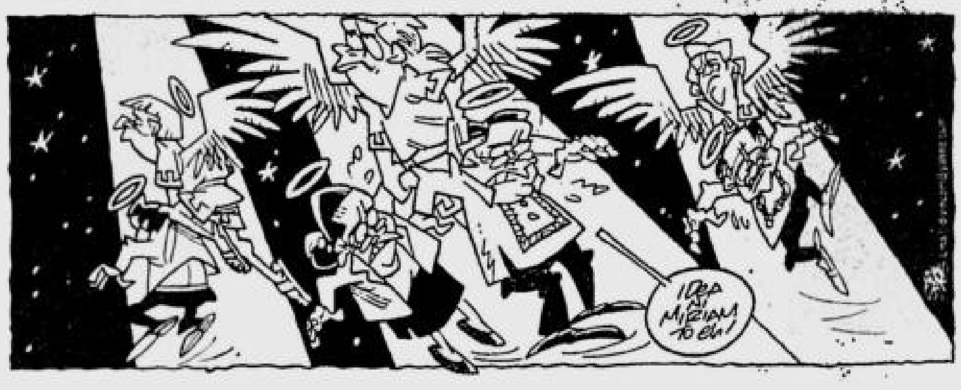
ATOMO AND WEBOY BY LYRA GARCELLANO

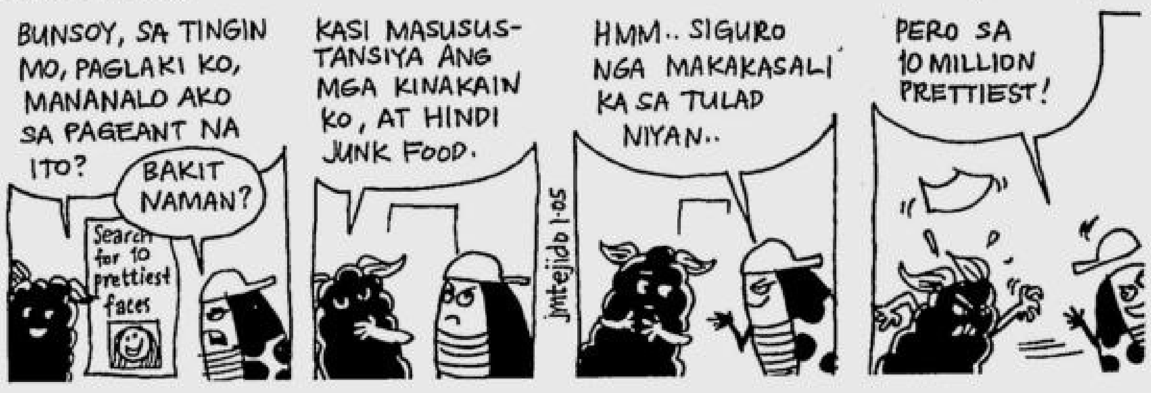

Tell me again why we changed our names from Atomo and Weboy to Bunny and Moe.
Because as artists we need to re-invent ourselves. Reinvention is key to evading the claws of a stale career.
Now, all we need is some more hype.
This wig is itchy.
At least your eyelashes don't stab your forehead.

DIVINE COMEDY BY STEVEN PABALINAS


IDEA NI MIRIAM TO EH!

AT NANGYARI NA NGA ANG INAASAHAN: ANG MASS SUICIDE NG MGA SENADOR AT KONGRESISTA

MIKROKOSMOS BY JOMIKE TEJIDO


BUNSOY, SA TINGIN MO, PAGLAKI KO, MANANALO AKO SA PAGEANT NA ITO?
BAKIT NAMAN?
Search for 10 prettiest faces
KASI MASUSUSTANSIYA ANG MGA KINAKAIN KO, AT HINDI JUNK FOOD.
HMM.. SIGURO NGA MAKAKASALI KA SA TULAD NIYAN..
PERO SA 10 MILLION PRETTIEST!
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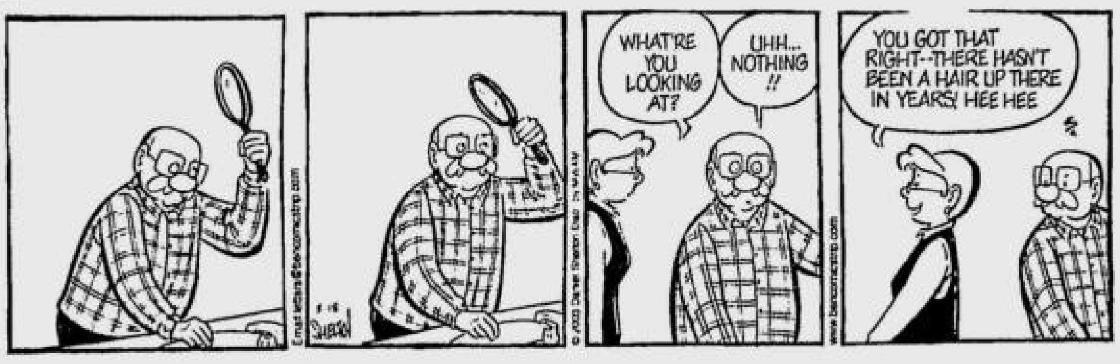
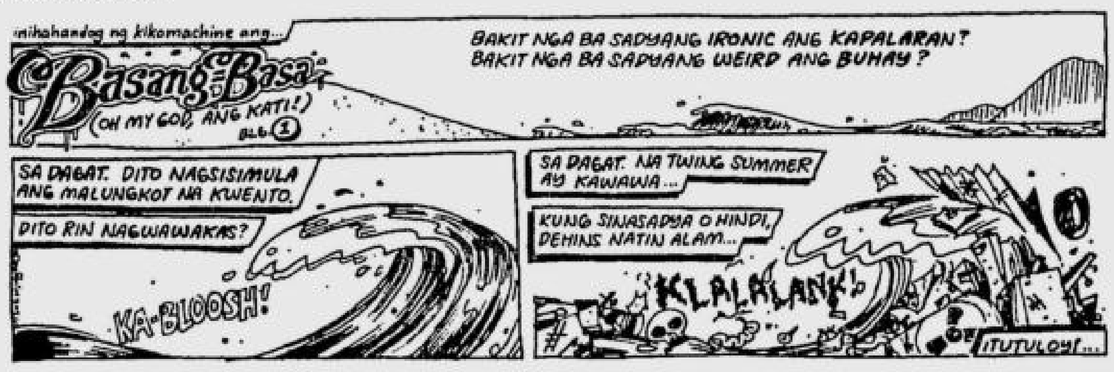
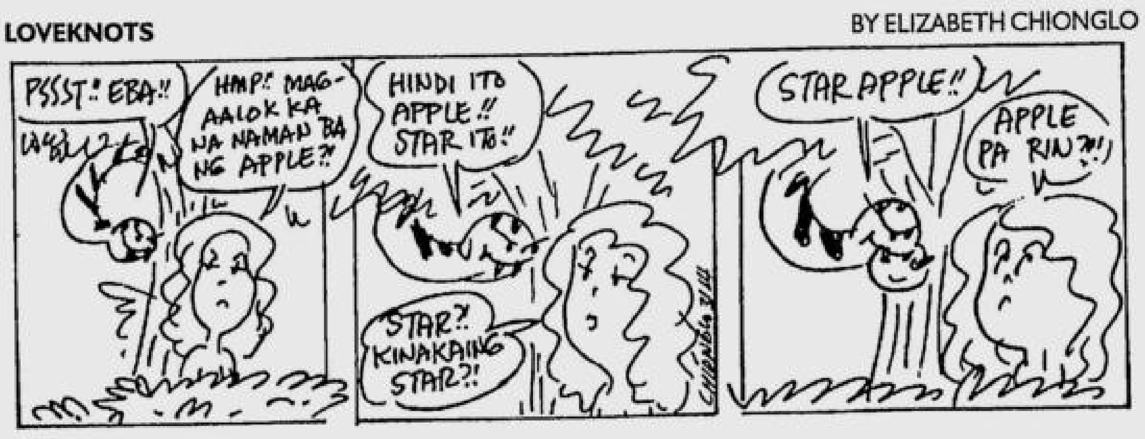
BEN BY DANIEL SHELTON


WHAT'RE YOU LOOKING AT?
UHH... NOTHING!!
YOU GOT THAT RIGHT--THERE HASN'T BEEN A HAIR UP THERE IN YEARS! HEE HEE

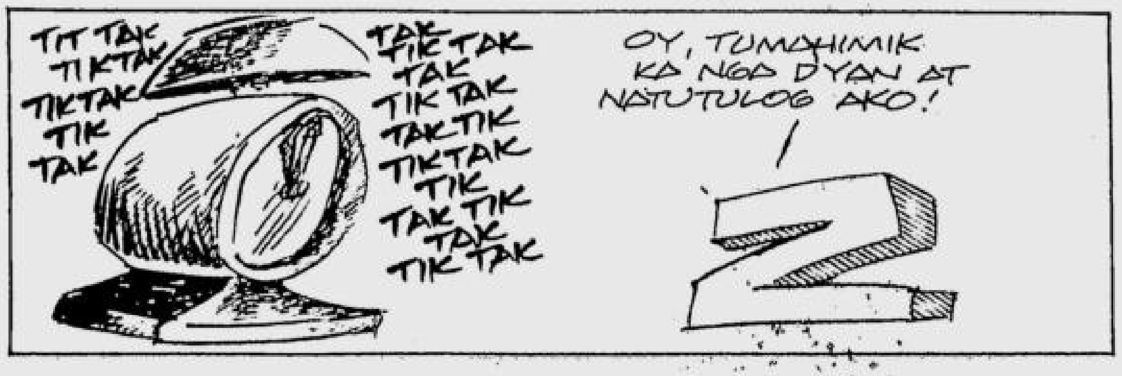
KIKO MACHINE BY MANIX ABRERA


inihahandog ng kikomachine ang...
Basang Basa (OH MY GOD, ANG KATI!) blg. 1
BAKIT NGA BA SADYANG IRONIC ANG KAPALARAN? BAKIT NGA BA SADYANG WEIRD ANG BUHAY?
SA DAGAT. DITO NAGSISIMULA ANG MALUNGKOT NA KWENTO.
DITO RIN NAGWAWAKAS?
KA-BLOOSH!
SA DAGAT. NA TWING SUMMER AY KAWAWA...
KUNG SINASADYA O HINDI, DEHINS NATIN ALAM...
KLALALANK!
ITUTULOY!...

LOVEKNOTS BY ELIZABETH CHIONGLO


PSSST! EBA!!
HMP! MAG-AALOK KA NA NAMAN BA NG APPLE?!
HINDI ITO APPLE!! STAR ITO!!
STAR?! KINAKAING STAR?!
STAR APPLE!!
APPLE PA RIN?!!

TULDOK BY PAPU AND TATUM MILAMBILING


TIT TAK TIKTAK TIKTAK TIK TAK
TAK TIK TAK TAK TIK TAK TAK TIK TIKTAK TIK TAK TIK TAK TIK TAK
OY, TUMAHIMIK KA NGA DYAN AT NATUTULOG AKO!

HOROSCOPE

BY FRANCIS DRAKE

YOU BORN TODAY: You're very tolerant, easy-going and affectionate. Family is important to you. Although you appear nonchalant, you work extremely hard; at times you are driven! You want to achieve excellence in your field. (And you have very high standards.) People enjoy your company. Expect a social year ahead. Accept all invitations. Enjoy!
Birthdate of: Billy Crystal, actor; Michael Caine, actor; Albert Einstein, mathematician/physicist.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19): Resist the urge to try to improve others today. This is probably just a cover for your own desire to improve yourself in some way. (Funny how it works, isn't it?)

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20): You might discover some interesting secrets today. At the very least, you can come up with answers or solutions to old problems. Research goes extremely well.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20): You're keen to work with others today. You know that two heads are better than one. You want results, and you want answers, and you know that others will help you find them.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22): You want bottom-line facts today. It could concern your boss, a parent, teacher or someone in authority. You want to know the truth behind things. (Something fishy might be going on.)

LEO (July 23 to Aug. 22): You're fascinated by intellectual information today. You're also interested in the secrets of other cultures and different people. You want to know how the world works.

VIRGO (Aug. 23 to Sept. 22): Dig deep to find financial secrets today. Get to the bottom of matters related to inheritances, estates and how things will be shared.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22): You're tempted to try to make others change their mind about something. You want people to agree with you! While you might be right, don't be pushy.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21): Today your love of mystery is aroused! You will delight in games and trying to solve puzzles. You might want to watch mystery movies or read whodunits. Enjoy!

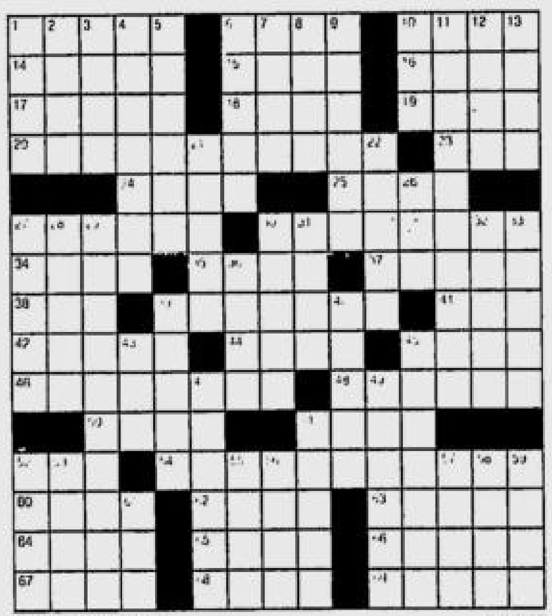
SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21): This is an excellent day to fix whatever is broken at home. Do repairs; clean up messy areas; throw away junk and garbage.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 19): Your investigative powers are excellent today. If there's something you want to know, you'll find it. You might also come across some very juicy gossip.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20 to Feb. 18): You've got great moneymaking ideas today. You see how to take something that everybody else thinks is junk (or no longer valuable) and put it to an entirely new use. Clever you!

PISCES (Feb. 19 to March 20): It's possible that you will learn something today that will affect you so deeply, it could change your life. If so, it will change your life for the better. (And it will benefit others as well.)

DAILY CROSSWORD



By Allan E. Parrish
Mentor, OH

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ACROSS
1 Hidden snag
6 TV adjuncts
10 Open slightly
14 Loan-sharking
15 Half a train?
16 Mrs. Dithers of "Blondie"
17 Throat infection, briefly
18 Drag
19 Us opponent
20 Substitute batter
23 Forty winks
24 Junky jalopy
25 Funnyman Jay
27 Rely
30 Boxing proximity
34 Greek Cupid
35 Buckeye State
37 Keyboard key
38 Row's opp.
39 Afghan maker
41 Singer McGraw
42 Movie house
44 Table insert
45 Tableland
46 Esteems
48 Supplies with new weapons
50 "La __ Bonita"
51 On deck
52 Blast letters
54 Signal sender
60 Decomposes
62 Toe the line
63 Sea World performer
64 Table spread
65 Paint with words
66 Provisions
67 Workers' rights grp.
68 Fair-hiring grp.
69 Elbow grease

DOWN
1 Dental point
2 Italian wine region
3 1/3 of a Byrds hit
4 Christmas depictions
5 Syllable break
6 TV monitor, of a sort
7 Idle talk
8 Sound defeat
9 Sacred
10 Part of a play
11 "Three's Company" star
12 Type of code
13 Interstate exit
21 Wore
22 Film critic Ebert
26 TV sales channel
27 Interior look
28 Succumb to time and tide
29 Time trials leader
30 Bar mitzvahs and baptisms
31 Smidgen
32 Belief in God
33 Bombeck, et al.
36 Dagger handle
39 Prepared to pray
40 Actor Zimbalist
43 Harvest goddess
45 Perry of "Friends"
47 Singer King
49 Lives
51 Justin Timberlake's group
52 Disney sci-fi film
53 Football coach Chuck
55 Irish Rose's lover
56 Verne captain
57 Weight allowance
58 Jane Austen novel
59 Iron oxide
61 Cry out loud

Saturday's Puzzle Solved

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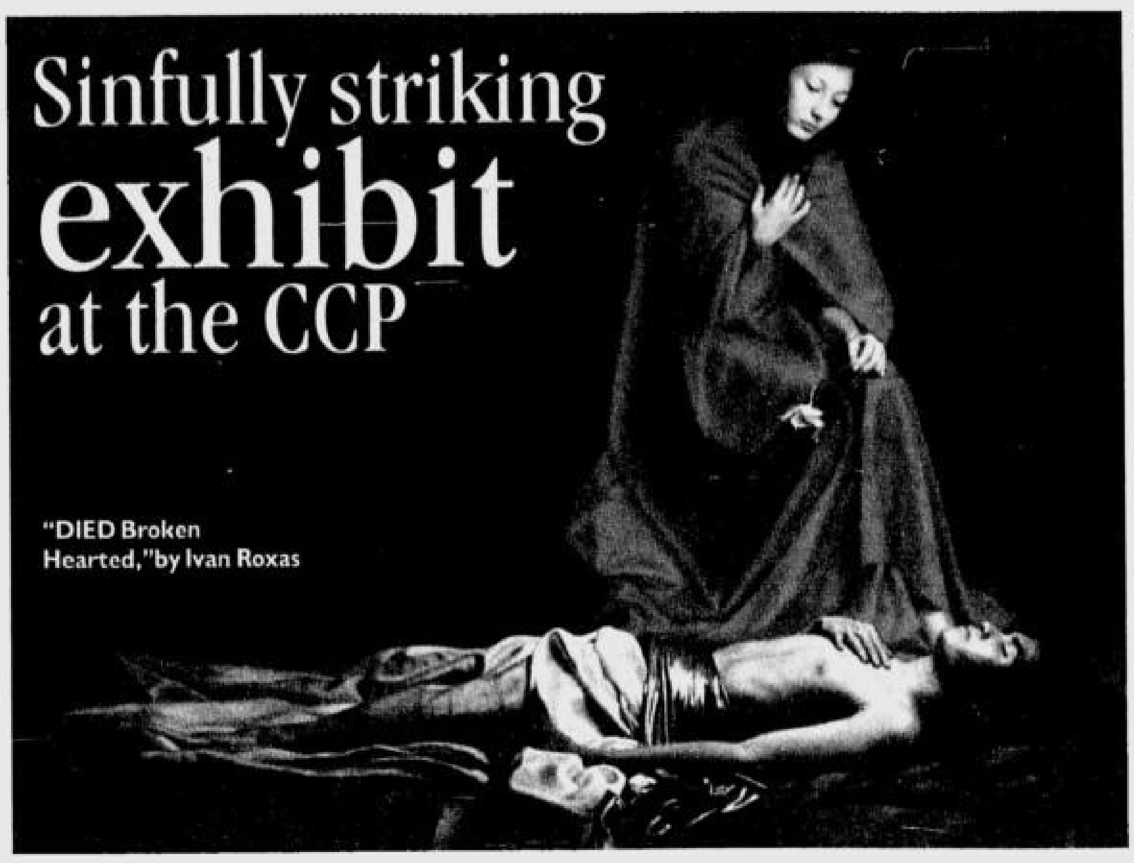
Sinfully striking exhibit at the CCP



"DIED Broken Hearted," by Ivan Roxas

"CONFESSIONAL," a collaborative installation of Buen Calubayan, Mark Magistrado, Jaime Pacena III and Wesley Valenzuela

By Jessica Jalandoni-Robillos
Contributor

THE NEWLY formed Young Thomasian Artists Circle (Ytac) plays around with "the sacred and the profane" in the touring exhibit "dog god," on its second leg until March 20 at Bulwagang Juan Luna (Main Gallery) of the Cultural Center of the Philippines.

The exhibit was launched at the University of Santo Tomas Museum of Arts and Sciences in January. After the CCP, it will be mounted in museums and Fine Arts schools nationwide. In November, it will run at the Asian Art Museum in Fukuoka, Japan, then in Seoul, South Korea.

With each tour, new pieces are added by the nine artists, all UST Fine Arts alumni: Andres Barrioquinto, Lawrence Borsoto, Buen Calubayan, Lindslee, Mark Magistrado, Jaime Jesus Pacena III, Ivan Roxas, CJ Tanedo and Wesley Valenzuela.

At the CCP, among the new pieces is a collaborative installation by Calubayan, Magistrado, Pacena and Valenzuela. A man made of resin kneels on a makeshift confessional, his body partly vandalized with black ink. The structure is of wooden discards of different sizes, some with peeling paint. Behind the slats that separate the man from his confessor is a television set. The whole contraption resembles an odd raft.

That a TV replaces a priest as confessor captures the Filipinos' fascination with television, their appetite for soap opera, sensational reports of sex and violence, and celebrity dirt—if only to feel a measure of normality, however false. They feel they are excused for whatever wretched acts they commit because the imagery on television is more wretched.

The work too seems to question the piety of priests, the real Father Confessors. Are they profane like ordinary humanity?

The graffiti on the man's body are "sins" confessed by the artists, who say the marks show their humility, while signifying the branding and judging made by people of perceived sinners, like the scarlet letter that brands Hester Prynne.

Playful

A playful poke at men of the cloth is Barrioquinto's "Father." In stylized ceremonial garb that resembles a whirling-dervish outfit complete with Turkish cap, colorfully striped with long fauvist strokes consistent in this collection, the scepter-wielding figure looks as though in the middle of preaching. It is amusing, if irreverent.

Borsoto explores the alienation of a devotee from his faith in "Reciprocating Wall." The man in the work seems to have more affinity with the lifeless wall rather than the Crucified Christ in the background because veneration has ironically created a chasm that denies him a connection with the icon.

Roxas depicts the black widow, a woman who leaves a trail of broken hearts (in the works, human bones). He tells of the anguish that comes with love. But the artist insists his painting is spiritual, with no bitterness.

Much of the works dwell more on the profane—from Calubayan's almost obsessive but succinct ink sketches (when asked why he covers up his figures with black paint, he replies, "Don't ask, just believe"), to Valenzuela's yearning for a machine (represented by mysterious crop circles) that would relieve society of greed, and Pacena's angst over relationships. It seems it's easier for the group to vent rather than to exalt.

Which is why Tanedo's pretty young ballerina stands out. What begins as a hodge-podge of digital images, which may have been goaded by confusion, melancholy or even anger, results in the beguiling pose of a little girl in ballet finery, captured in all her innocence.

Abstractionist Lindslee says his works are the result of the his reactions to his environment, perhaps in the same way that Magistrado thinks of his work as "atmospheric." "My paintings are sacred. I am profane," Magistrado adds.

The task that Ytac set out to do is not exactly easy: to make tangible the intangible. But the young artists seem to have risen to the challenge, proving John Berger's adage: "Visual art is a chase after the invisible."

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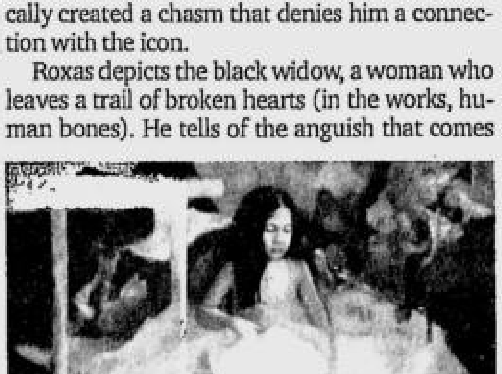

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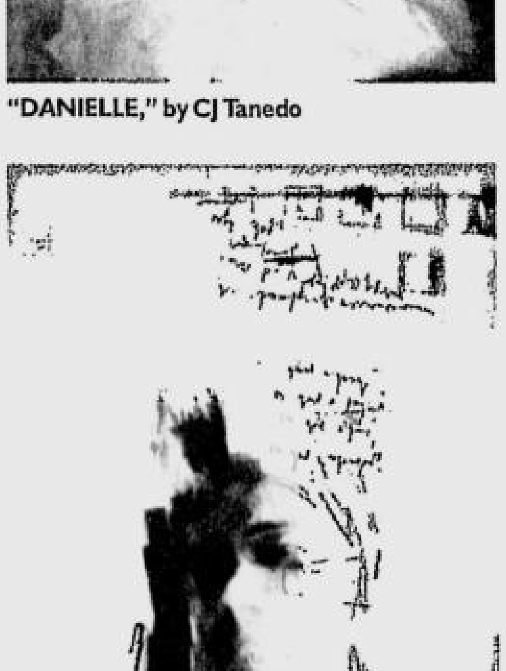

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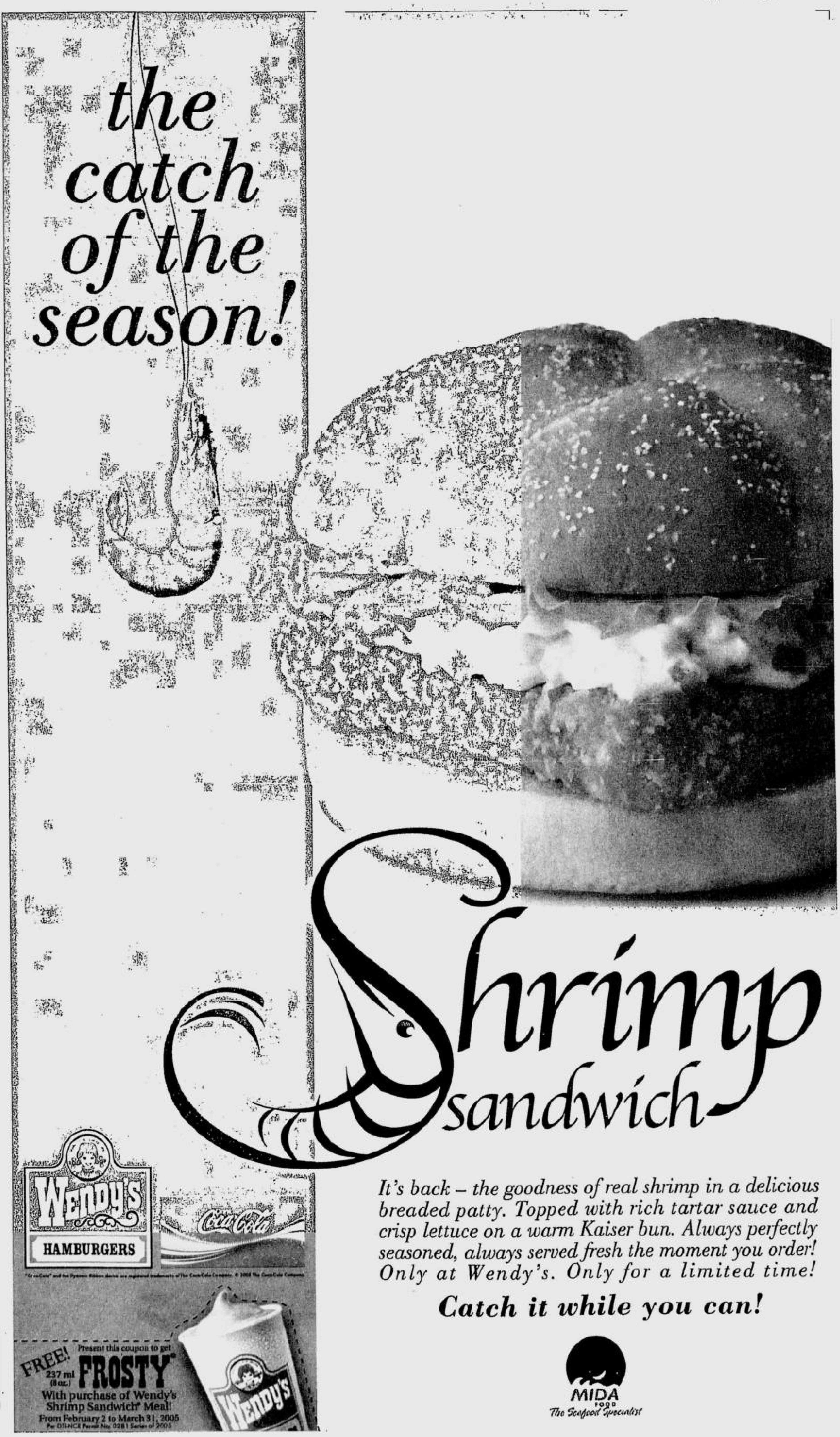

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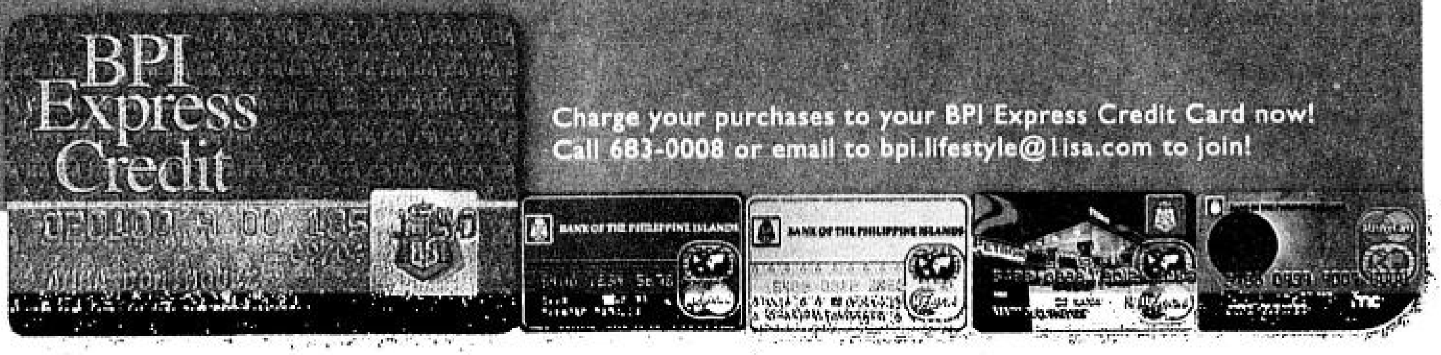
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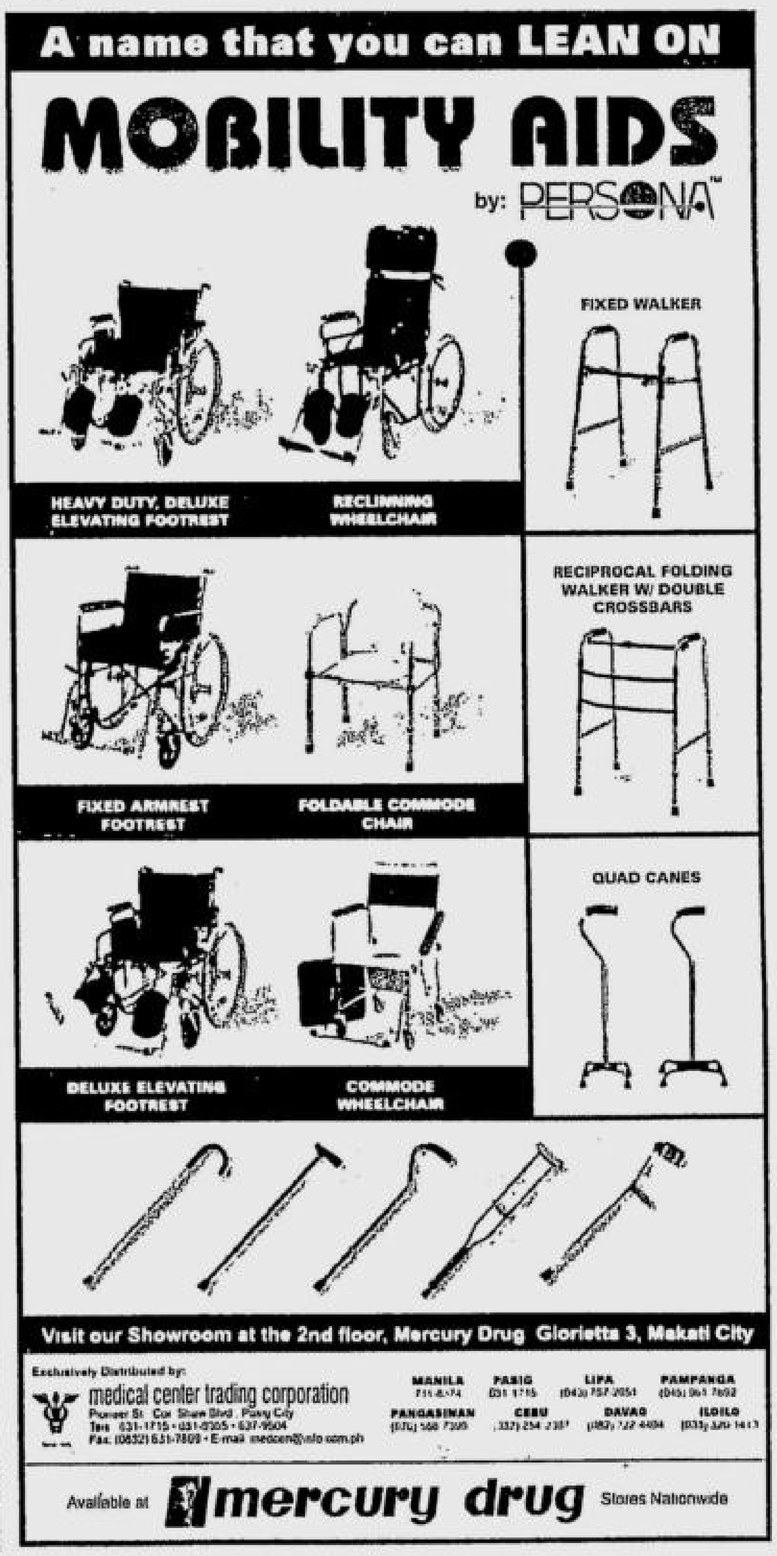

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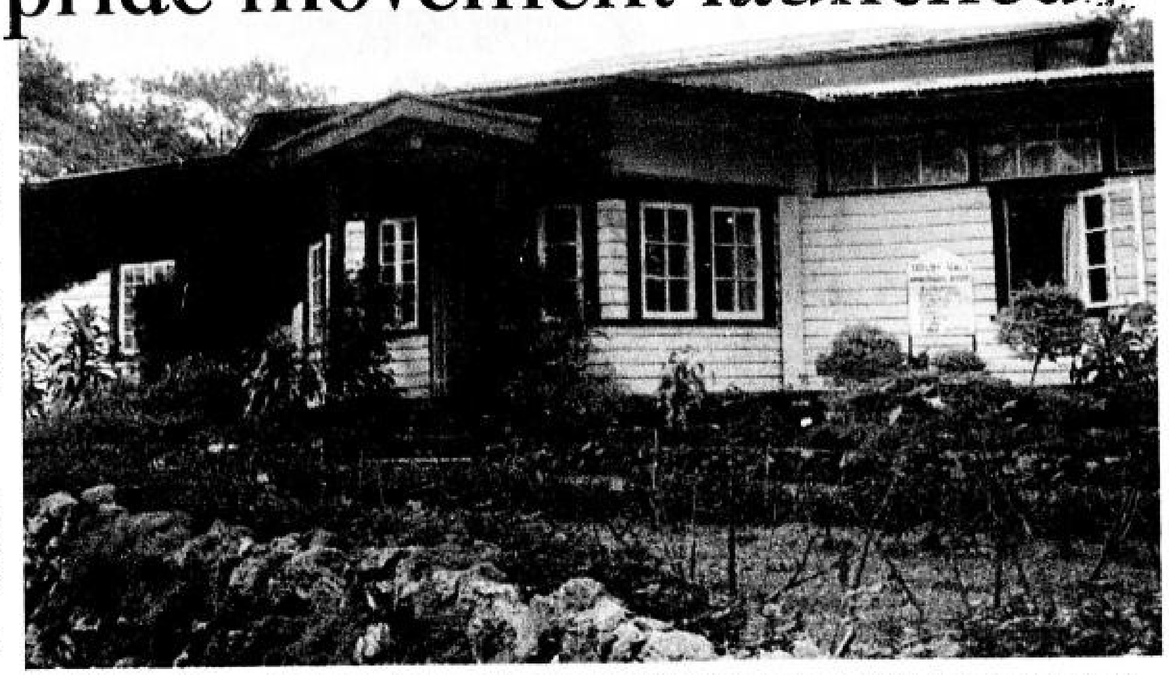

BRENT School is one of the last surviving examples of the typical green-and-white wooden architecture associated with Baguio.

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of the farmers who live, plant, harvest and maintain the site. Unrecognized for being the true heroes of the rice terraces, their lives revolve around the site.

It is their ordinary, everyday environment, taken so much for granted, that many fail to realize it is an internationally recognized Unesco World Heritage site. For the residents, it is just their home.

Noticing the ordinary

Like our Ifugao brothers, we are surrounded with so much of what we consider ordinary and everyday that we fail to realize their value.

"Doon Po sa Amin" gets people to notice the ordinary.

I remember visits to places like Vigan decades ago when no local cuisine was served in restaurants. When you asked for it, waiters shied away, saying their food was too simple to serve to visitors. They would quickly offer a properly soured Tagalog *sinigang* instead, the kind I could get anywhere in Manila.

So I ended up believing what people told me, that there was no cuisine to speak of in Vigan.

Years later, dinner at a Bigueño home introduced me to the ordinary cuisine of the locals, a cuisine that was unique to itself, certainly far better than the Tagalog food Vigan waiters kept insisting to serve me in restaurants.

Dining on Vigan food in a *bahay-na-bato* completed the Vigan experience. Heritage is, after all, the sum total of all the influences, experiences and expressions of a people over time, no matter how ordinary some of them might seem.

Conserving heritage requires the preservation of the total package. In the Vigan case, it is conserving the *bahay-na-bato* and the life that went with it—the family's personal stories and anecdotes, their food, the clothes that they wore.

Preserving the total package gives life to the old house, unlike a museum exhibit that locks everything lifelessly away under glass.

Heritage is alive. It is not static. It is made every day. What we consider ordinary today is tomorrow's heritage. It is time to start being proud of our everyday stuff.

Pride list

What can we be proud of? Here is a list for starters:

- Places: natural sites (beaches, mountains, falls, volcanoes, rivers and streams, hot springs, forest reserves, animal sanctuaries, valleys, river deltas, plateaus); man-made places (structures, museums, libraries, archives, zoos, school and universities, churches, Spanish colonial edifices built before 1900, American colonial edifices built 1901-1946, modern edifices built 1947-to the present, birthplaces of heroes, presidents, senators, justices, and other distinguished people)
- Products: cuisine (traditional food, cooking methods, *kakanin*); craft production (basketry, textile, wood, metal, and other materials); traditional tools or instruments used in fishing, farming, construction and office work; costume and fashion (clothing, jewelry); furniture, ritual objects, and more
- Animals and plants: work animals, wild animals, pets, insects, birds, fishes; trees, cultivated or wild flowers, yards or gardens, edible plants and flowers, medicinal herbs
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- Arts: visual, traditional and religious arts including artists, paintings, sculpture, folk art, authors, poetry, songs, dances, plays; music, musicians, and musical instruments
- Ordinary people and professionals: people who make us proud to be Filipino because of their exemplary contributions to society by hard work and practicing Filipino ideals, through development in any field; also includes prominent people and outstanding artisans, cooks, tradesmen, doctors, scientists, inventors, engineers
- The first, the best, the only, the oldest: can be either person, place or thing

The easy way to participate in "Doon Po sa Amin" is to text Globe <CODE> 2332 and download ringback tones by Cesar Montano, Gary Valenciano, Jolina Magdangal and other artists.

However, a more meaningful way to participate in the campaign is to text PRIDE to 2346 and tell everyone in the country what you are proud of.

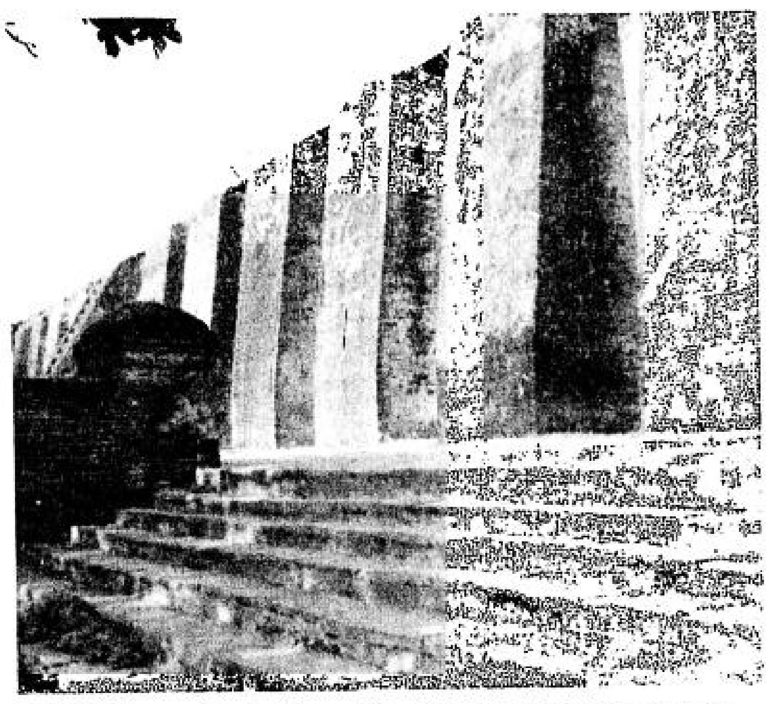
Pick out something from the list that you want to share with your countrymen. There may be many things not on the list that you feel will make other Filipinos proud, so tell them what it is.

If you prefer to e-mail your submission to me, then I shall be happy to forward it to the Unesco National Commission together with the long list of things I've got for them.

Share your pride with all Filipinos and do your bit for nation building. Instill pride of place in your everyday existence.

How can we know how great our country is if we do not feel great about ourselves? It is time for all of us to feel good about being Filipino.

It is time for all Filipinos to know there is such a bounty of achievement and wonder everywhere in this country, and it is high time to be proud of it.



FILIPINOS associate heritage with religious grandeur, like Vigan's Santa Maria Church, not realizing there is heritage value in the ordinary, everyday stuff that we take for granted.

Heritage watch

The Heritage Conservation Society has invited American historic preservation expert Ron Anthony to give a series of lectures on historic preservation and the preservation of wood in Manila.

Anthony shall be speaking at the forum "Securing our Church Cultural Heritage" organized by the University of the Philippines Art Studies program, to be held at the National Historical Institute on TM Kalaw Street at 1-5 p.m. tomorrow.

The HCS and the Embassy of the United States of America will jointly sponsor another lecture on March 17, 4 p.m. at the Embassy Ballroom.

If you wish to attend, call Dorie Soriano, the HCS Secretariat, at 5212239 and 5222497.

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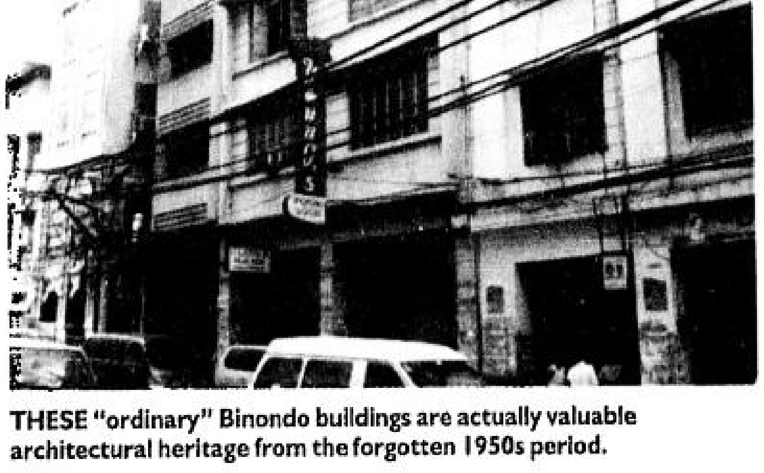

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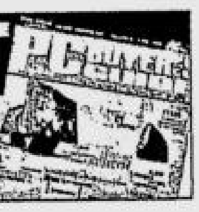

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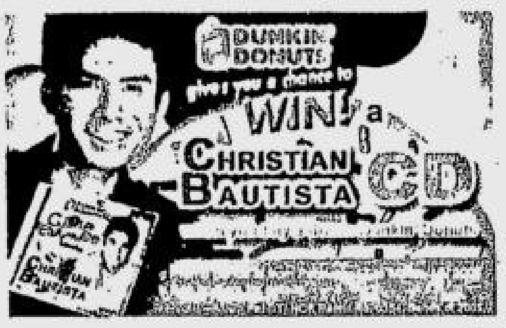

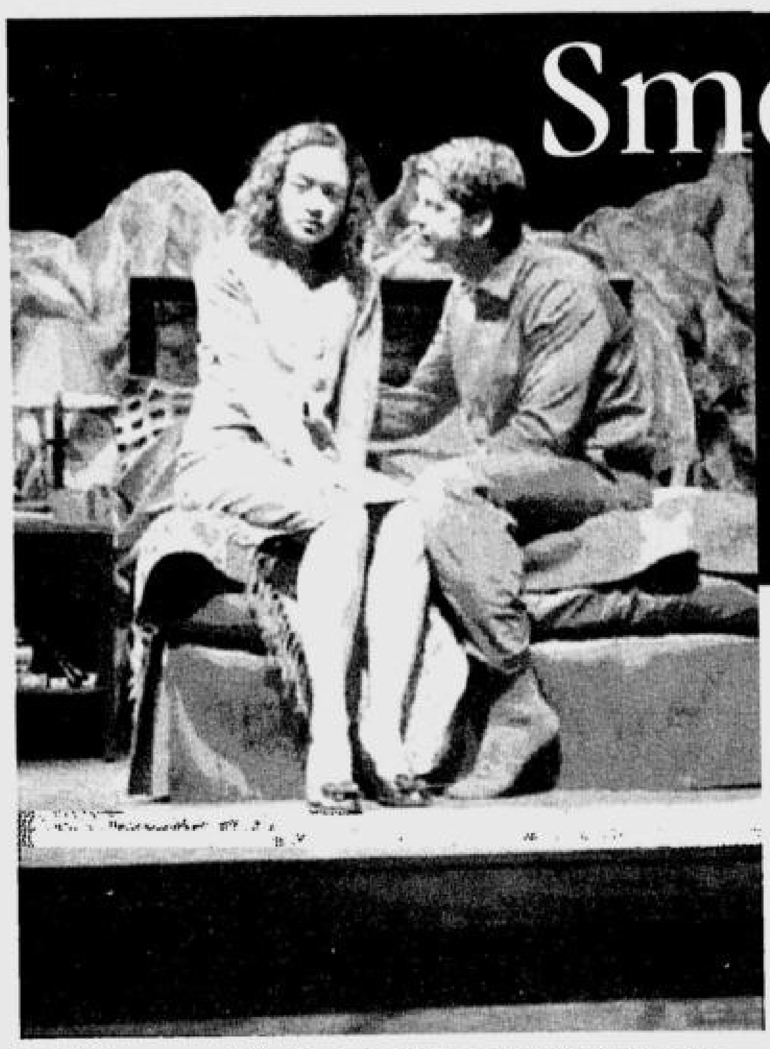

Smokey Mountain rises in New York

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RONA Figueroa and Tim Davis play husband and wife in Brooklyn.

By Anna Carissa C. Villacorta
Contributor

Filipino play staged on 42nd Street in New York

NEW YORK—The highly anticipated production of award-winning Filipino playwright Linda Faigao-Hall's "The Female Heart" officially opened Feb. 26 at Theater Row's Clurman Theater on 42nd Street in Manhattan, to rave reviews and heartfelt response.

Set in the late 1980s, "The Female Heart" tells the story of two siblings, Angel and Adelfa, living in Smokey Mountain, the infamous mountain of garbage in the Philippines.

Confronted by extreme poverty and her brother's ailing health, Adelfa agrees to become a mail-order bride to Roger, an American from Brooklyn who is willing, at a price, to support her family and pay for Angel's medical expenses. It is in America where she discovers how poverty corrupts and absolute poverty corrupts absolutely.

"The Female Heart" is the English translation of the phrase "*pusong babae.*" Unique to Tagalog, the primary language of the Philippines, it describes a man who possesses virtues traditionally attributed to a woman, like compassion, nurturance and servitude.

Victor Lirio, who plays the male lead Angel, says, "As an actor, artistic and producing director for Diverse City Theater Company, I wanted to present something more familiar to me, from where I came, for our inaugural production. I was fortunate that this play found me two years ago. I was deeply touched by the relationship between the siblings—Angel and Adelfa—in this play. In my opinion, it very much represents what culturally sets us Filipinos apart from others—the tightness and importance of family.

"And even more so in 'The Female Heart,' the ultimate sacrifice is thematic. Presenting Smokey Mountain on 42nd Street in a major theatrical house in New York City was never the ultimate goal. But, rather, presenting a powerful, poignant and compelling piece about a Filipino family."

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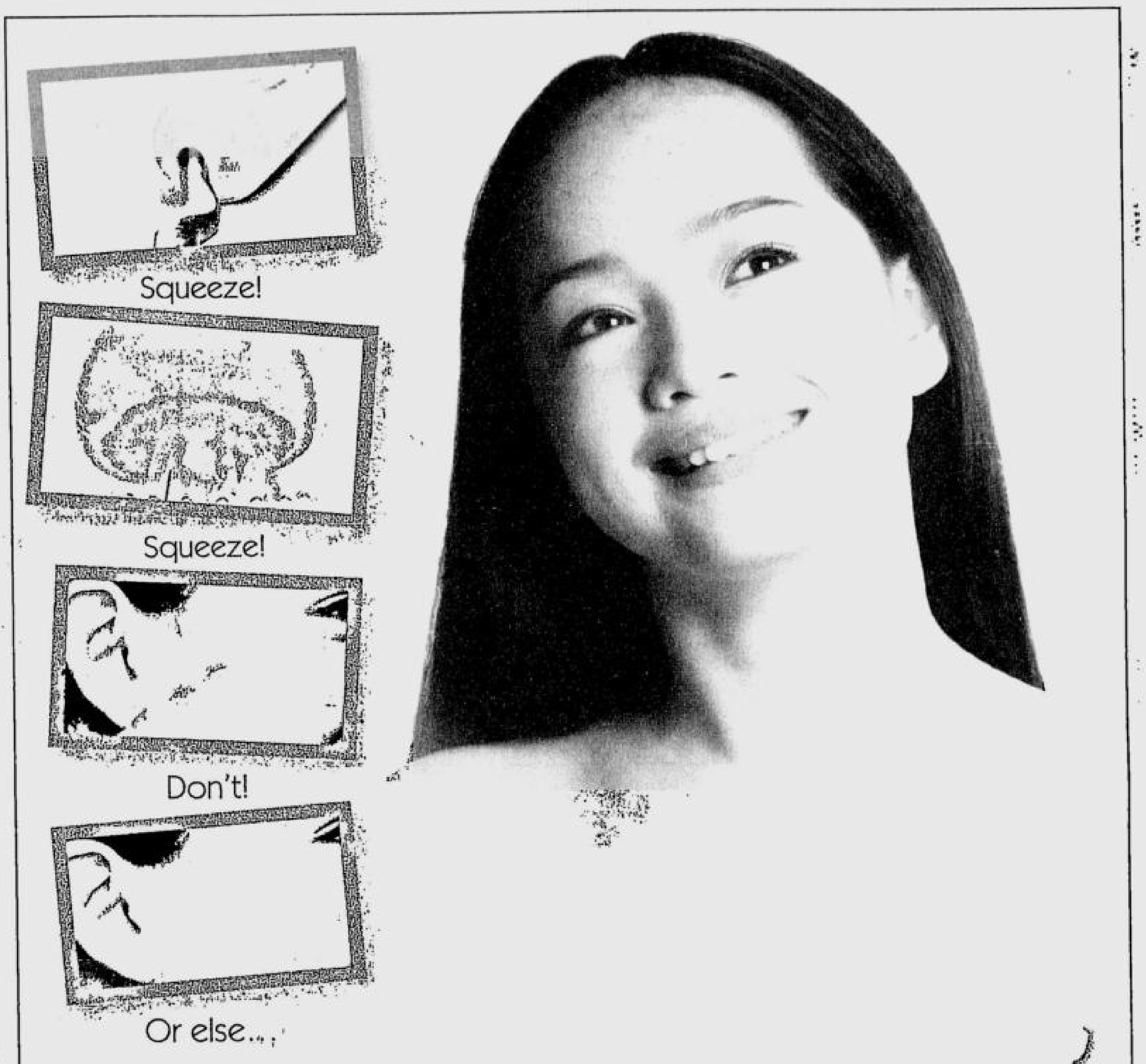
FIGUEROA and Lirio after the show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Great Pinoy cast

Former "Miss Saigon" actor Rona Figueroa plays Adelfa. She last appeared on Broadway as Jane Krakowski's understudy in the recent revival of "Nine" that starred Antonio Banderas, directed by David Leveaux.

Among her other theatrical credits include Jessica Hagedorn's "Dogeaters" at The Public Theater, directed by Michael Greif; "The Caucasian Chalk Circle" at The Vineyard Theatre; "Turandot" at La Mama; and "The Wild Party" at New York Theater Workshop. She joins Tony Award winner Lea Salonga as the only two Asian actors of Filipino descent to have played the widely popular role of Eponine in "Les Miserables" and the heroine Kim in "Miss Saigon" on Broadway.

Figueroa is reunited with former "Dogeaters" cast member and Obie Award recipient Ching Valdes Aran. Valdes Aran, who took part in the play's workshop production at EST, plays Rosario, mother of Angel and Adelfa.

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Valdes Aran is noted for her performances in Ralph Pena's "Flipzoids" and as Imelda Marcos in Jessica Hagedorn's "Dogeaters" at The Public Theater. Her other critically acclaimed stage performances include lead roles in "The Square" at The Public Theater, "Last of the Suns," "Erendira," "The House of Bernarda Alba," "Mother Courage" and "Medea."

"The Female Heart" will run until March 13 (today, March 14, Philippine time).

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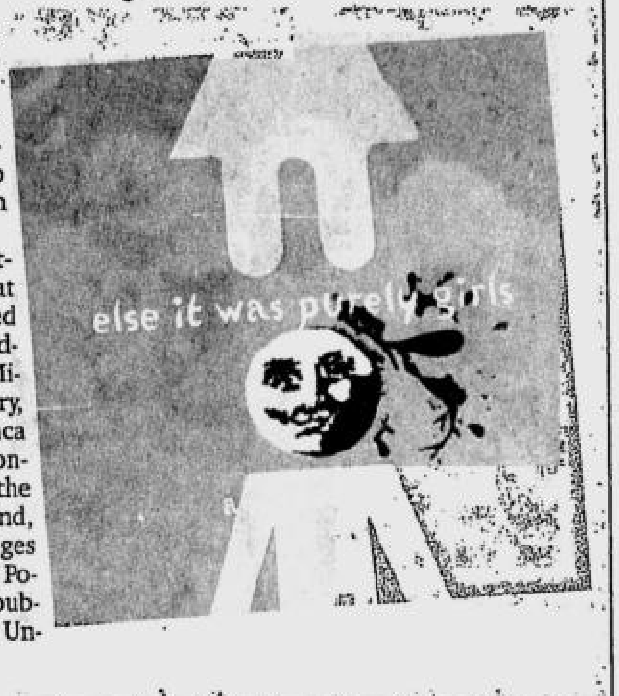
Young poet Angelo Suárez launches new poetry collection

ANGELO V. Suárez's newest book of poetry, "Else It Was Purely Girls," will be launched on March 16, 6 p.m., at Powerbooks Live! in Greenbelt 4, Makati.

The collection, which is Suárez's follow-up to his debut, "The Nymph of MTV" (published by the University of Santo Tomas Publishing House), is a 37-poem meditation on language and desire marked by youthful lyricism and occasional upbeat jaunts across landscapes at once surreal yet everyday.

The book is published also by the UST Publishing House. Cocktails for the launch will be sponsored by Cravings and the Center for Culinary Arts, in cooperation with "Chefs on the Go," a new culinary-lifestyle show on Studio 23 that starts airing in April.

Suárez is a graduating Literature student at UST and has received numerous prizes, including the Maningning Miclat Award for Poetry, Don Carlos Palanca Memorial Award, National Book Award from the Manila Critics Circle and, most recently, the Bridges of Struga International Poetry Prize from the Republic of Macedonia and Unesco.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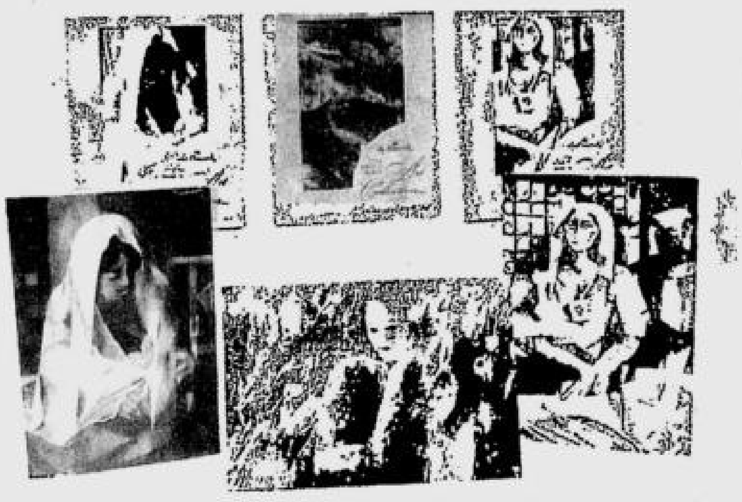
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Theater Arts 1 (Monday to Friday, 1 p.m.-5 p.m.) focuses on the basic and advanced theater arts acting, dramatic improvisation, stage productions, creative writing, music and movement and scenic design through the integrated theater arts approach and other theater methods.

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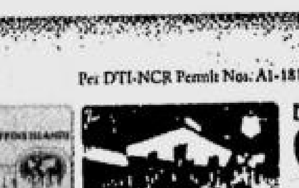

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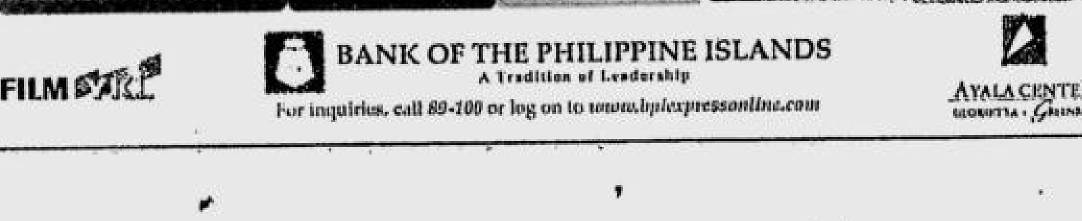

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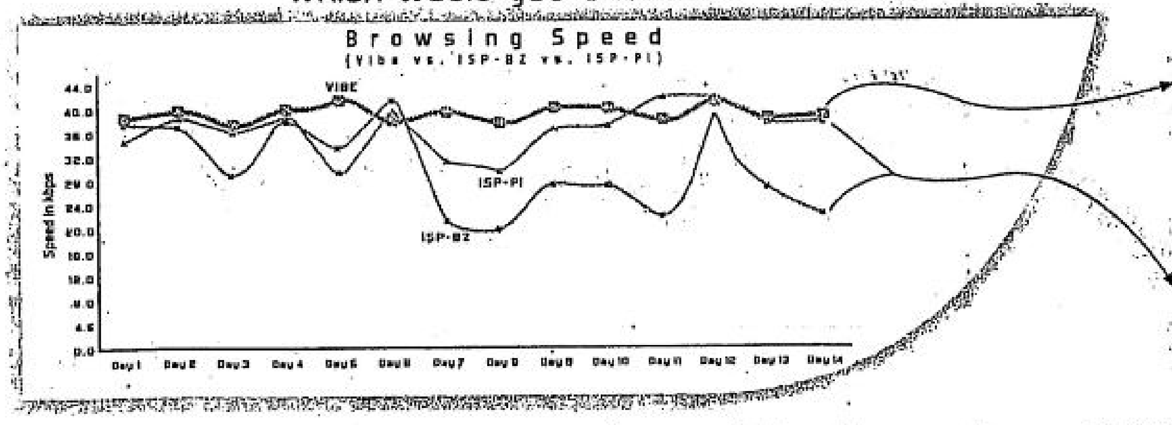

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THE 11-HOUR film tracks the life of a Filipino family during martial law.

'Ebolusyon' wins .MOV grand prize

LAV DIAZ'S monumental work, "Ebolusyon ng Isang Pamilyang Pilipino," bested eight other entries to win the Best Digital Feature award at the 2nd .MOV International Digital Film Festival. The festival ran from March 2-8 at SM City Cebu.

"Ebolusyon," considered the longest feature in Southeast Asian cinema history, was adjudged winner over "The Beautiful Washing Machine" (Malaysia), "The Birth of Seanema" (Thailand), "Camiling" (Philippines), "Diliman" (Philippines), "Gravel Road" (Malaysia), "Sanctuary" (Malaysia), "Swing My Swing High, My Darling" (Malaysia) and "Yasujiro's Journey" (Indonesia).

Malaysian cultural critic Khoo Gaik Cheng, chair of the main jury, commended Diaz for his "highly ambitious work" in "Ebolusyon," a close-to-11-hour film following the life of a peasant family through the turbulent decades of Philippine history. Khoo, a postdoctoral fellow at the Asia Research Institute in Singapore who is doing research on the independent filmmaking .MOVement in Malaysia, believes that the film conveys that "there is no easy fix or quick solution to the Filipinos' national condition."

Epic examination

The fate of the poor Gallardo family intersects with history in Diaz's epic examination of life in the Philippines under martial law. Shot in black and white over an eight-year period, the film probes the wounds of the Filipino psyche.

"There is always a constant struggle to survive no matter what or how bad things are," Khoo explained after watching the entire film. She cited the radio drama, "Hope Awaits Everyone," which the Gallardo family usually listens to at home. From this, she inferred that the film wants to instill "hope in the younger generation, a different kind of hope from the kind we expect from the superficial and trite radio drama."

"Ebolusyon" had its world premiere at the New York Asian American International Film Festival. It was also shown at the Rotterdam Festival in Europe to much acclaim.

Diaz won the Network for the Promotion of Asian Cinema Jury Award at the 2001 Cinemanila International Film Festival, Best Film award at the 2002 Singapore International Film Festival, Best Picture award at the Brussels International Film Festival and Best Picture and Best Director trophies at the 2002 Gawad Urian for his previous work, "Batang West Side."

After .MOV, Diaz is expected to grace the screenings of his new film at the 23rd San Francisco International Asian American Film Festival, 18th Singapore International Film Festival, 6th Barcelona Asian Film Festival, Torino Film Festival, 29th Hong Kong International Film Festival and other festivals abroad.

"Ebolusyon" will be the closing film of the Cinema Purgotoryo festival at the Tanghalang Leandro Locsin of the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (633 Gen. Luna St., Intramuros, Manila) on March 16. Screening starts at 9 a.m.

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Carmencita Lozada's performances now on CD

'Heritage Recordings' documents the violinist's performances in the last 50 years in Manila and in Europe

By Antonio C. Hila
Contributor

A COLLECTION of 15 compact discs of Carmencita Lozada's live and recorded performances was launched recently at Metropolitan Museum.

The collection, "Heritage Recordings," documents violinist Lozada's performances in the last 50 years in Manila and Europe, notably in Germany where she is based. Another five CDs are being readied, to bringing the total to 20 volumes for this series.

Lozada left Manila a year after earning her bachelor's degree from Philippine Women's University to compete at the International Paganini Competition in Genoa, Italy, one of the world's toughest contests. She was a major prizewinner.

She would win again later in the same competition, becoming the only Filipino to have won the coveted prize twice.

She completed higher studies at the Vienna Academy for Music and the Performing Arts and the Mozarteum Academy in Salzburg, and joined the Nice International Summer Festival in France. She had a glowing career in Europe, giving recitals, and doing recordings, concerts and radio performances.

A frequent soloist of Europe's major orchestras, she has also performed in Canada, the United States, Asia and the Middle East, earning critical acclaim.

Unprecedented

The newly released recording was hailed as unprecedented, "a treasure of immense magnitude."

Dr. Ramon P. Santos, professor at the University of the Philippines College of Music, said the project was approved by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts (NCCA), which sponsored the launching some years back through the Committee on Music, which he then chaired.

The recording, he said, represented a wide panorama of violin literature of divergent styles including 20th-century music, which was terra incognita, or conveniently left out in some recordings by local artists.

Santos hailed Lozada as an artist of the highest caliber who devoted her time studying and building a comprehensive repertoire in pursuit of an active and dynamic concert career.

The collection, he added, included not only European but also works of Filipino composers like Nicanor Abelardo, Alfredo S. Buenaventura, Rodolfo Cornejo, Felipe de Leon, Juan Hernandez, Lucrecia Kasilag, Antonio Molina, Eliseo Pajaro, Lucino Sacramento, Ernesto Vallejo and Santos himself.

It also featured Filipino artists who had collaborated with her, such as pianists Carmencita Sipin-Aspiras and Lourdes de Leon; baritone Aurelio Estanislao; violinist Emilio Reyes; conductors Luis Valencia (her mentor), Ramon Tapales, and Francisco Feliciano.

She collaborated with ensembles such as the Filipino Youth Symphony Orchestra (FYSO), UP Symphony Orchestra, Manila Symphony Orchestra, Metro Manila Symphony Orchestra, Philippine Chamber Orchestra, Cultural Center of the Philippines Philharmonic Orchestra, and the Philippine Philharmonic Orchestra.

From memory

All the works recorded were performed from memory except Santos' "Abot Tanaw" 2 for solo violin, which sounded like a work for 10 violins.

Santos said the collection was a legacy and a source of patriotic pride.

Dr. Raul Sunico, dean of the UST Conservatory of Music and vice head of NCCA's Committee on Music, who represented Cecile Guidote-Alvarez, presidential adviser on culture and executive director of NCCA, said the commission led the nation in giving Lozada the highest recognition she deserved as part of its mandate of recognizing outstanding Filipino artists.

Before giving her response, Lozada asked the audience to listen to the third movement of a 1975 live recording in Manila of Sibelius' Violin Concerto in D minor. She said, by listening to the recording the audience would get an idea of the evolution of the recording industry. The recordings, even if re-mastered, were not edited, she said.

The recordings were re-mastered by Josef Kamykowski and Frits de Boer of Vienna and the Hague, respectively.

Resurrecting Filipino soul

Lozada said Filipino composers in the collection dedicated most of their compositions to her, which she gladly premiered. The inclusion of the compositions was significant, as they resurrected the Filipino soul and would serve to inspire the young.

Thanking her supporters, she said the recording celebrated the triumph of the Filipino artistic spirit.

Director Victorino Manalo of the Metropolitan Museum gave the welcome remarks. Singer-actress Mitch Valdez was emcee.

The Athenaeum String Quartet, composed of Chona Noble, violin 1; Jade Midoro, violin 2; Edna Martinez, viola; and Celia Narzo, cello, performed.

Martinez announced that Lozada handpicked the quartet and gave the group a copy of Buencamino's "Pizzicato Caprice, which it performed superbly.

For inquiries on the CD series, call Music News at 0918-7376901 or 9017156.

UST Dean of Music Raul Sunico gives violinist Carmencita Lozada a big hug before the CD launching.

COMPOSER Ramon Santos points out the significance of Lozada's 15-set CD collection.

VIOLINIST Carmencita Lozada (center) gives additional coaching to members of the Athenaeum String Quartet before the launching proper.

BRITISH THESPIAN LINDA MARLOWE

Woman on top, without safety nets

By Ian Rosales Casocot
PDI Visayas Bureau

IN "No Fear," British actress Linda Marlowe's one-woman whirlwind act about life in full-blast color, everything culminates into a high-wire trapeze routine—which may be the perfect metaphor for the story of a woman who has been through the edges of everything.

Will her act end on a high note? Or will she fall? And where is the safety net to catch her if she does?

Never mind the worries. The show, after all, is about confronting the worst of your fears and declaring war on them—especially if you are a woman on the verge.

That morning, talking with Marlowe in a hotel lobby facing the sea off Dumaguete Boulevard, she goes straight to what may be the very definition of daring existence: "There are no safety nets in my life."

In fact, when London's Financial Times reviewed her work in "No Fear," the critic was moved by that last piece of symbolism, even by an unforeseen accident that punctuated that performance: "At the climax of the [show] I saw Marlowe fell off the trapeze swing. She immediately assured us that she was unhurt, climbed back on and completed the act: a perfect metaphor for her life."

That life is enshrined in that powerful performance, brought in for Filipino audiences in time for Women's Month this March by the British Council, Cultural Center of the Philippines, and Silliman University's Cultural Affairs Committee.

The solo act, showcased for the past week on theater stages in Cebu, Manila and the Luce Auditorium in Dumaguete City, has been well-received—and may even be seen as crossing the boundaries of humor, pathos, cultural references, and British accents.

Amazonian

"No Fear" follows two of Marlowe's widely acclaimed solo shows—Berkoff's "Women" and an adaptation of Gabriel Garcia Marquez's "Diatribe of Love"—and has been variously described as "one woman's Amazonian adventures as a daring divorcee, raunchy rock-chick, undercover operator, manic mother, and professional free spirit, as she looks back from the viewpoint of the world's oldest circus artist performing a high-wire act on the eve of her 100th birthday."

MARLOWE possesses "unique physical style."

In other words, it is all about her, sans the birthday bit. And that may well be the most interesting part of the play—its strong, often relentlessly autobiographical elements.

Marlowe says, "I have some very good friends and colleagues who work with me-writers and directors—and they all tell me that my life has been so colorful. So why don't I make it as one of my one-woman shows? Of course, I thought that would be boring. So then we decided to make the theme of the show the fearful situations in my life, the things that gave me fear. There is a scene, for example, about my giving birth to my sons, and how fearful I was that if I would leave their cot any minute, they wouldn't breathe anymore."

There are other anecdotes spliced into the performance that explore, at length, a life of adventure and occasional fear. There is, for instance, her one-time occupation as a drug mule, when she had to cross the Atlantic with contraband sewn into her jacket.

"I was just a bold girl. I was an actress," she says, "and I wanted to do adventurous things. And when somebody told me 'You have to carry this to America,' I said, 'Oh yes.' It was only marijuana. There must have been an easier way to earn $500, but I did it to put my child through school. But, of course, part of it was really the thrill."

It hasn't always been easy, putting one's life on display as a theatrical piece for hundreds of people to see, the fact that people become privy to one's adventures and misadventures.

For Marlowe, it becomes so much more bearable, because "it has been made theatrical, so I just pretend that I am playing a part."

Unique

Most reviews of her work always seem to put a focus on her "unique physical style" and "heightened characterization."

The show, all of its 70 minutes, seems the epitome of a physical actor's work, something which she is proud of owning up to: "I was, after all, a dancer first. Physical acting for me is more life-enforcing, I think. I use my body to explore different characters."

In her next solo, she takes that body language even further, this time playing different characters in "Mortal Ladies Possessed," which is adapted from several short stories by Tennessee Williams, and thus making known that she has a penchant for playing characters who are always on the edge of rage and passion.

"That is all incorporated into my own emotional states," she says. "I like playing damaged women, vulnerable women. Gentle, very courageous people. It's quite interesting to play these kinds of women because they seem to show aspects of my own personality."

In the music, mime, and monologue of "No Fear," she finds that in the substance of her own life. Beyond that, Marlowe hopes her story will resonate to all women everywhere.

"It's a message to women," Marlowe says, "and even men. It's about a woman as she goes through four decades of her life, in a time where certain things just weren't allowed for her."

The trick, it seems, is to push the envelope of convention, taking care not to notice too much that there are no safety nets in real life, but going at it just the same.

CASA San Miguel

Holy Week concerts at Casa San Miguel, Zambales

SET IN a mango orchard by the sea, the Center for the Arts in San Antonio (Casa San Miguel Foundation) has been providing cultural activities to the rustic seaside community of San Antonio, Zambales for over a decade, while training local children in classical music, visual arts and theater.

On March 20, the Foundation opens the 12th season of the Pundaquit Festival with the traditional "Kuwaresma" concert series for the Holy Week featuring the Loboc Children's Choir and the Pundaquit Virtuosi in an evening of enchanting music written for children's choir and orchestra.

The concert also features virtuoso Coke Bolipata, founder and artistic director of the Pundaquit Festival, as he performs well-loved violin pieces.

This rare team up of child prodigies will perform Barber's Adagio for Strings, Presto from Beethoven's String Quartet, Ernest Bloch's Concerto Grosso, Sa Kabukiran, Ilokano Medley, Visayan Medley, Meditation from Thais, among others.

An exhibit featuring local artist Zaniel Mariano will be opened at the Corpus Hall. The show consists of four new large works in oil in response to the Asian tsunami tragedy.

On Good Friday (March 25), there will be a solemn candlelight performance of Haydn's Seven Last Words. There will be a joyous Easter Sunday concert on March 27 featuring the Pundaquit Virtuosi with tenor Ronan Ferrer, soprano Maria Saporsantos, and baritone Chris Ong in a program highlighted by Bach's Coffee Cantata as well as favorite arias.

For those planning to stay for the weekend, Subic Legend Hotel at the Subic Freeport and Nina's Papagayo in Barretto, Olongapo City offer discounts. Just show validated tickets to avail of discounts.

Concerts start at 6 p.m. Call 9038657 and 9332392, or e-mail cokebolipata@yahoo.com

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UST writers workshop deadline

THE DEADLINE for the UST Center for Creative Writing and Studies is on March 31.

The workshop will be held on April 17-23, and will focus on poetry, fiction, and one-act play, in both English and Filipino. It is open to writers who have not been awarded fellowships to any national writers workshop.

An applicant should submit five hard copies and a diskette copy (MS Word format) of his/her manuscript, one language per manuscript, containing at least five poems, or two short stories, or two one-act plays, a resumé, and 2x2 id photo. Applicants should also enclose a certification duly signed by the head of his/her institution/company that the articles submitted are authentic and have not been copied from elsewhere.

Fifteen fellowships available, a percentage of which will be given to constituents of the Dominican Network of Schools, Colleges, and Universities nationwide.

Workshop panelists include Ophelia A. Dimalanta, National Artist F. Sionil Jose, and Cirilo F. Bautista.

Call 4061611 loc. 8281, Tuesday to Saturday.

Historic Santa Isabel opens hotel

SANTA Isabel College opens Chateau Santa Isabel tomorrow at 9 a.m.

The mini hotel is set at the heart of Manila and exudes the city's--and the college's--historic ambience. Santa Isabel is one of the oldest schools in the country.

The hotel, which will serve as a laboratory for hotel and restaurant management students of the school, will also serve as a venue for workshops, seminars, business meetings, wedding receptions and other functions.

During the inauguration, there will also be an open house and interactive exhibit by the basic education and college departments. Call 5259416 to 21.

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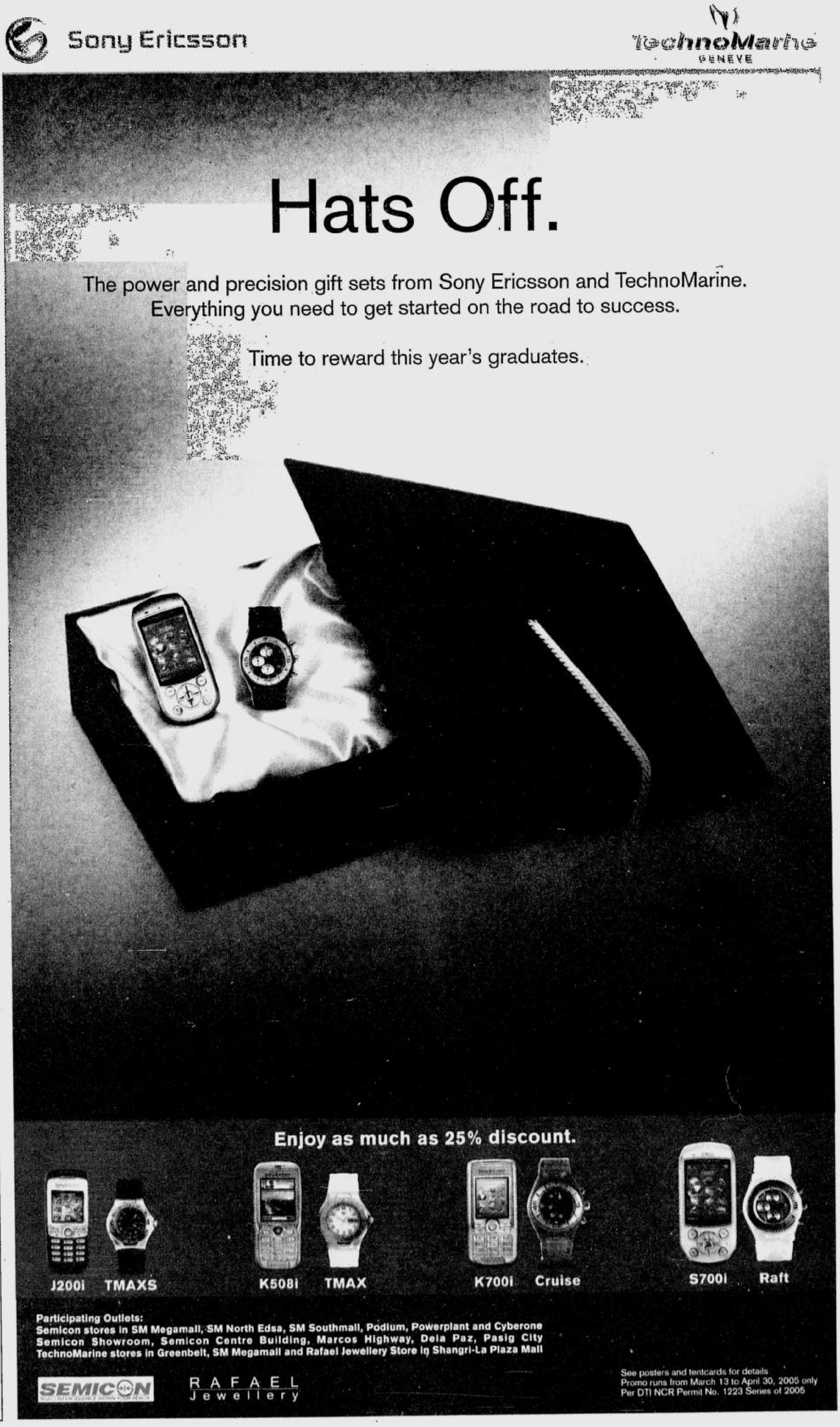

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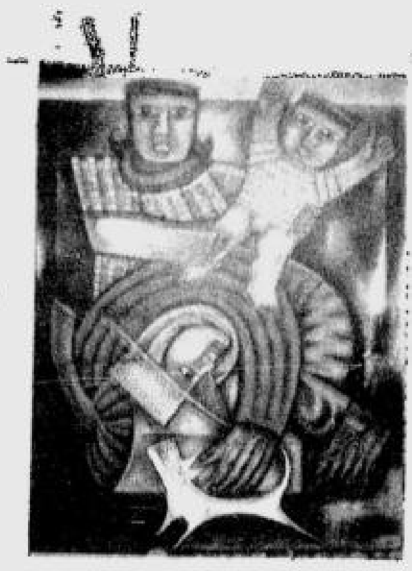

"TOTOY," by Alvarado

THE QUIET but determined struggle of his *kasimanwa* (provincemates) for a better life is a recurring theme in the works of multi-awarded painter Nunelucio Alvarado. It is once more the theme of his one-man show, which opens March 18 at the Galerie Andrea in Intramuros, Manila.

To prepare for this exhibit, Alvarado returned to his hometown of Fabrica in Sagay, Negros Occidental, where he frequented the market and observed a farmer's family haul its produce and vendors peddling their wares.

Alvarado has been described as one of the few Filipino artists with a conscience. He has exhibited worldwide and one of his works was once hung at the Singapore Museum, sharing equal billing with those of Fernando Amorsolo and Fabian de la Rosa, but he has remained a *sacada* at heart, the voice of the little people, a chronicler of their lives.

He is a 1992 CCP 13 Artists awardee and twice winner of the grand prize in the Philip Morris art competition.

The exhibit will run until April 10.

Galerie Andrea (Plaza San Luis Complex on General Luna Street across from San Agustin Church; tel. 5274089) is open daily, except Mondays, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

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Artists paint Christ's Passion

A LENTEN show by 45 artists opens on March 16 at Gallery Nine in Megamall.

Dubbed "Sabachthani," the show features pieces that serve as the artists' reflections on the Passion of Christ.

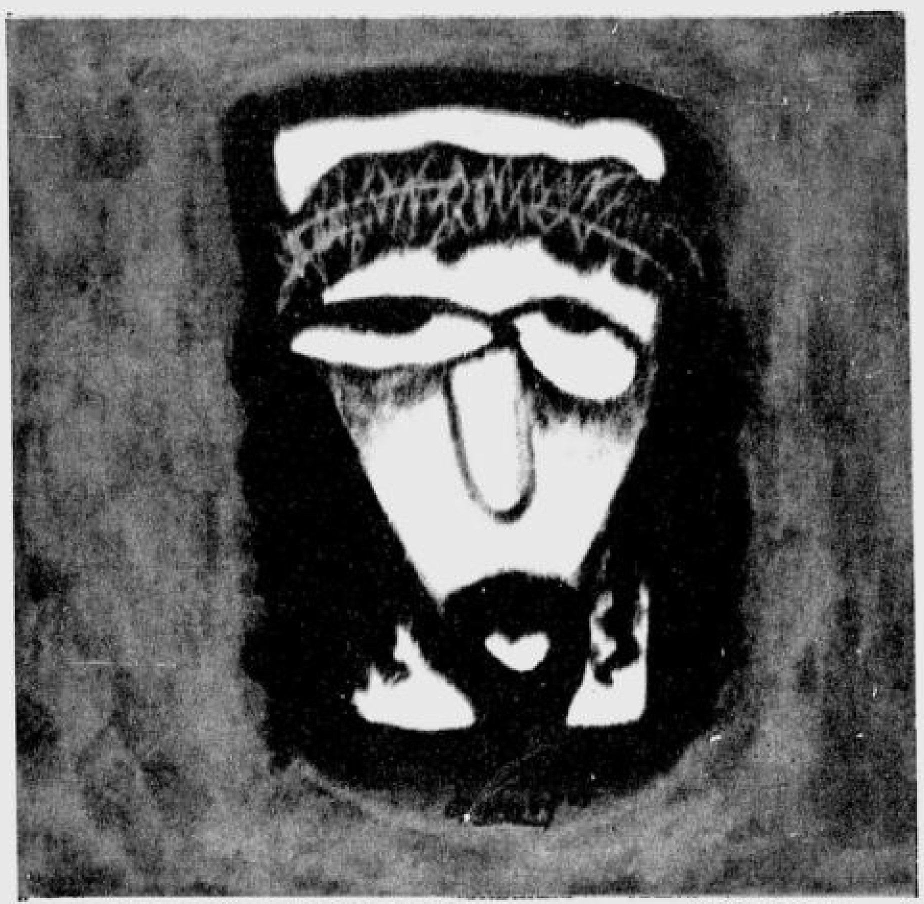
Participating are Renante Alejo, Jun Alvarez, Ral Arrogante, Jo Austria, Aris Bagtas, Anton Balao, Emmanuel Balboa, Joel Bartolome, Reynaldo Bautista, Jeps and Yveese Belen, Art Bermido, Frederic Caedo, Buen Calubayan, Roen Capule, Noel Catacutan, Venerando Cenizal, Salvador Ching, Salvador Convocar, Michael Daniels, Farley del Rosario, Rolly de la Cruz, Camille de la Rosa, Jun de los Santos, Norman Dreo, Anthony Fermin;

Romeo Forbes, Mark Gonzales, Dan Lerma, EG Marquez, Wilfredo Offemaria, Cris Rebutiaco, Tres Roman, Bin, Edmond, and Jef Samonte, Elio and Kate Santos, Fidel Sarmiento, Aner Sebastian, Christian Tamondong, Rex Tatlonghari, Dario Villaceran, Emmanuel Villariba, and Gonzalo Uy.

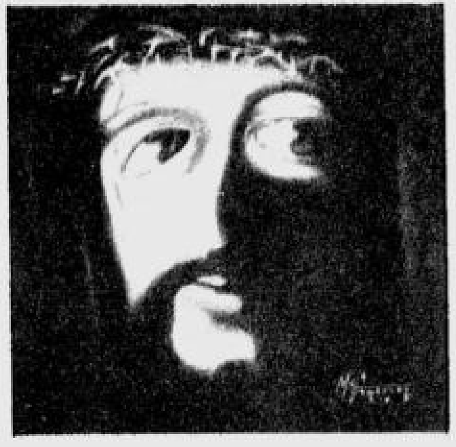
The show is curated by Jocelyn Tullao, assistant curator of the UST Museum of Arts and Sciences.

Part of the show's proceeds shall benefit the Society of the Divine Word Retreat Healing Ministry.

"Sabachthani" runs until March 27. Call 6877302.



"WHITE Christmas," by Gonzalo Uy



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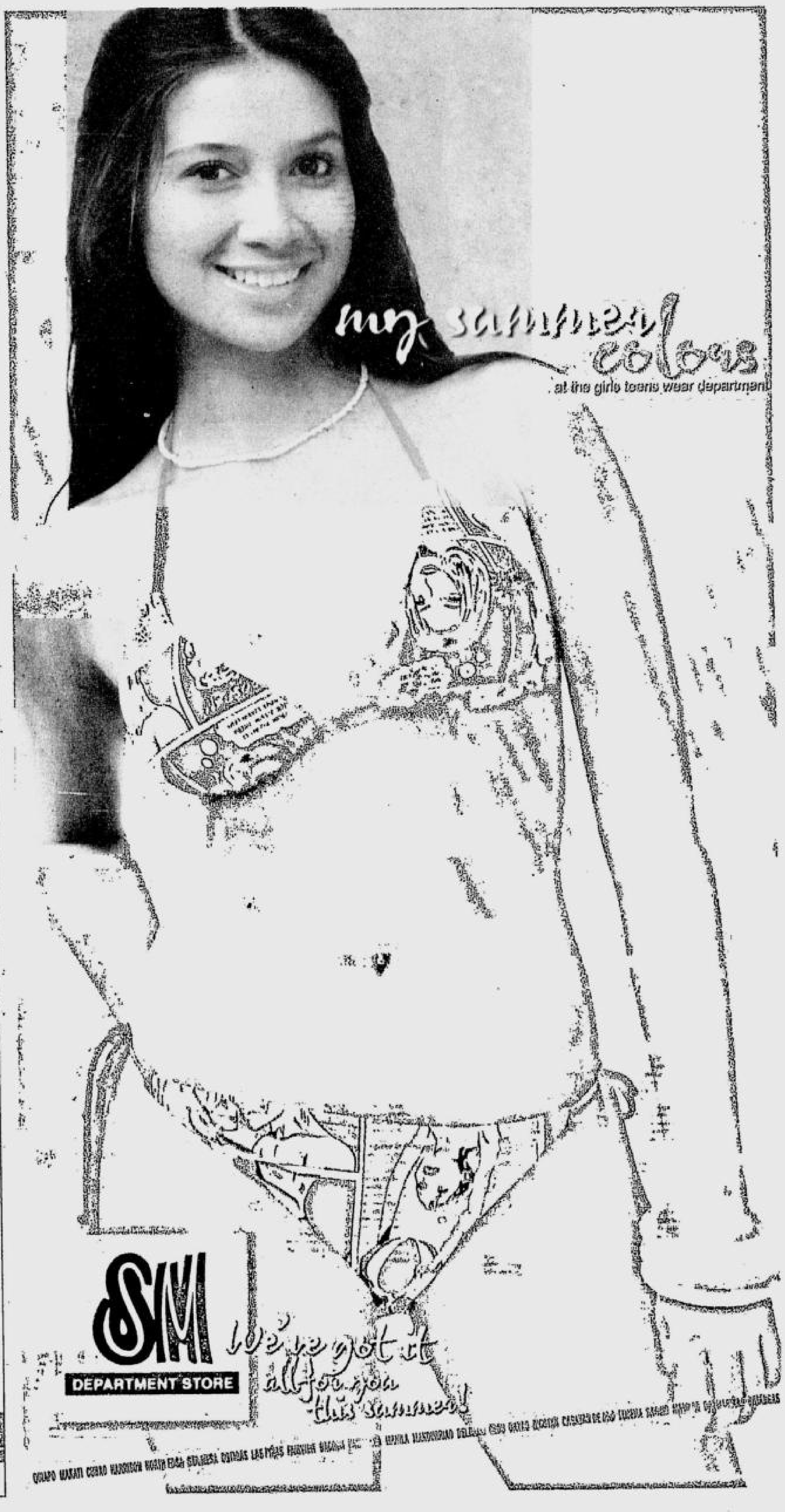
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